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FATE OF ALLIES BOUND UP IN PRESENT BATTLE

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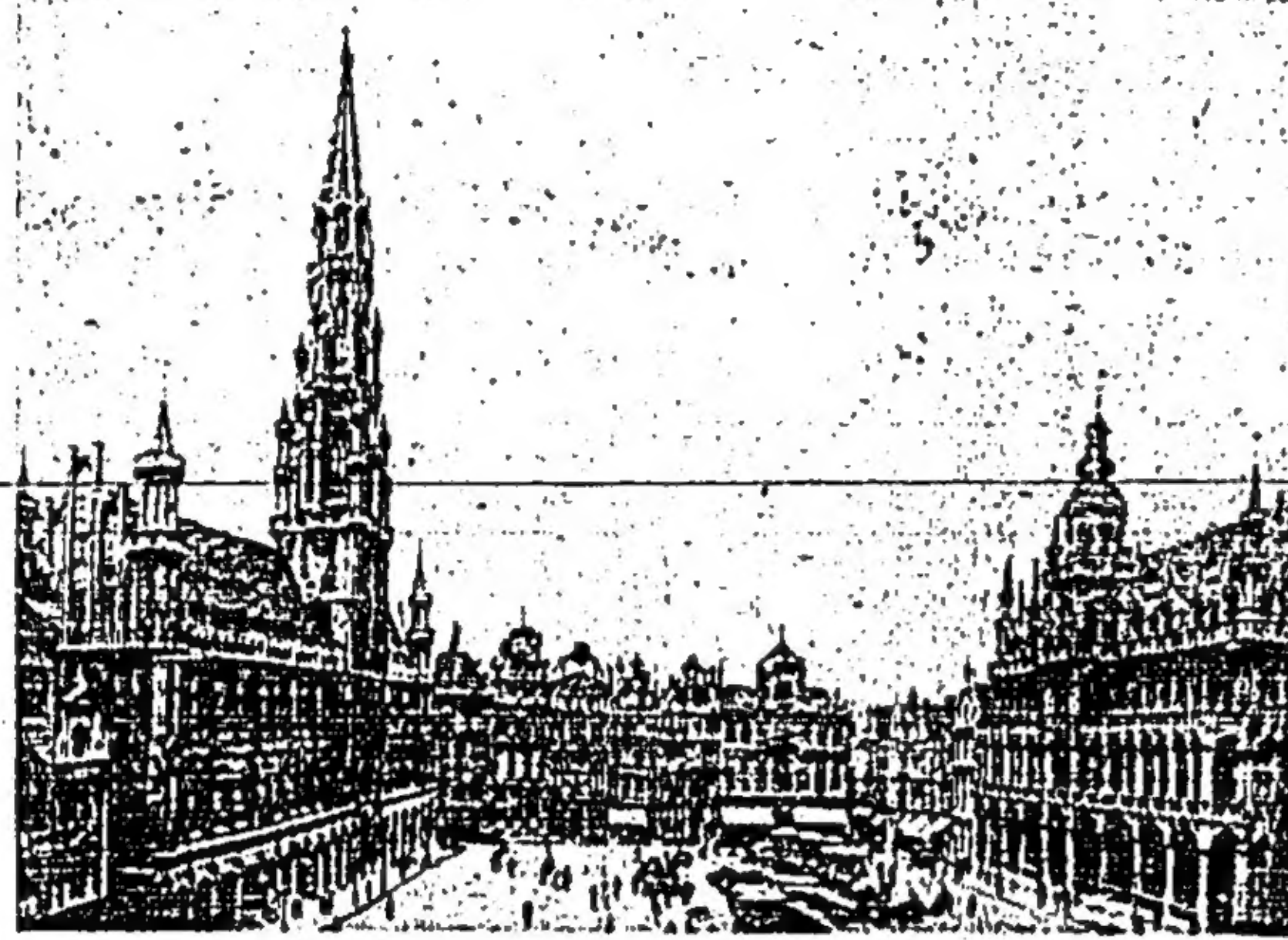
PARIS, May 17 (UP).—General Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces, has issued an Order for the Day which is reminiscent of the famous "Backs to the Wall" declaration by Field-Marshal Douglas Haig in the last world war.

General Gamelin, in a gravely worded Order, declares that the catchword to-day must be "Conquer or Die."

Here is the text of his statement:

"The fate of our country, the Allies and the destiny of the world is bound up in the battle now taking place. English, Belgian and Polish soldiers, and foreign volunteers are fighting on our side.

"The British air force is engaged up to the hilt like our own. As always in the critical hours of history, the watchword to-day is 'Conquer or Die.' We must conquer."



BRUSSELS—Grand Place

POSITION ON WESTERN FRONT GRAVE—"REUTER"

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—It was learnt here from authoritative quarters this afternoon that the position is considered grave and that the German armoured divisions have broken through the French lines and penetrated some distance into French territory.

The place which they have broken through is not the real Maginot Line but is an extension covering the Belgian frontier, which has been built in the last 12 months.

The dent in the line has now become a bulge.

The German successes are mainly due to the new technique in clearing ground by heavy tank attacks, supported by low flying bombers.

In this respect, authoritative quarters say that the British Air Force has already put up a magnificent show.

R.A.F. Superior

The German aeroplanes have avoided conflict whenever possible and man to man and machine to machine the British Air Force are definitely superior.

It is thought that this was possibly due to the lack of petrol in Germany and therefore the lack of practice for the German pilots.

The Germans, according to latest reports this afternoon, had gained considerable ground and on points have won the first round.

But it was only the first round and statements in both London and Paris were equally confident of the ultimate result.

The future line of German attacks is uncertain. It might be in the north west to cut off the Allied communications or in the south west.

But meanwhile the French are gathering their resources to strike at both flanks of the bulge and there is reason to suppose that the German armoured divisions have already run out of their supplies of petrol.

Authoritative quarters in London estimated to-day that five-sixths of the total petrol supplies in Holland were destroyed before the Dutch surrendered.

New Positions Taken Up

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The Belgian High Command at noon to-day issued the following communiqué from "somewhere in Belgium":

"In connection with the operations undertaken by Allied forces and in close co-operation with Allied troops, Belgian troops have taken up new positions with calm and good order.

"Despite many hard engagements in which many units have taken part since hostilities began, our army remains intact and retains a high morale."

Situation Reassuring

BRUSSELS, May 17 (Reuter).—The Minister of National Defence to-day said that the situation was reassuring.

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INVADERS NOW WITHIN 25 MILES OF RHEIMS: "SERIOUS", SAYS FRENCH

PARIS, MAY 17 (REUTER).—THE MILITARY SITUATION ON THE WESTERN FRONT REMAINS VERY SERIOUS, ALTHOUGH THE IMPRESSION THIS AFTERNOON IS THAT THINGS ARE SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN THEY WERE ON WEDNESDAY.

A French military spokesman to-day said that the Germans had resumed three attacks at dawn yesterday in three main directions as follows:

- 1.—Against the positions held by the British troops in central Belgium, notably at Louvain.
- 2.—Into the large salient driven into France, north of Sedan.
- 3.—At Sedan itself and south of it.

500 SQUARE MILE SALIENT

For the immediate present the most serious is the second drive north of Sedan. This is between Sambre and Rethel, which is about 25 miles south-west of Sedan and about the same distance north-east of Rheims.

A French communiqué issued this morning indicated that the Nazi salient here is from a line some 50 miles long along the frontier and extends anything up to 10 miles into France.

IMPORTANT SALIENT

A French military spokesman said that this was an important salient.

The first thing to do is to run a ring round the salient and curtain it by sending units to take up positions to stop further advances.

Then one must make up one's mind whether to counter-attack here or to counter-attack elsewhere.

That job is for the High Command, he said.

He indicated that good progress had been made towards curtaining the enemy's advanced positions.

MASSED TANKS AND PLANES

Nothing is yet known about yesterday morning's attacks. It is reliably reported that the Germans again used massed tanks with bombing planes in close support.

The losses which the enemy must have suffered during the last few days cannot possibly be estimated but there is every reason to believe that they must have been heavy.

The whole of the operation seems to have been a desperate gamble in which the Nazis are flinging all their strength into the fray regardless of losses.

Compared With Verdun

Some quarters compare the battle of the Meuse with that of Verdun in the last war.

The battle at Verdun lasted a considerable time and they say that the present battle may go on for days or even weeks with varying fortunes on either side.

South of Sedan, where there is no comparable break-through, the German attack developed on a massive scale, not only in Belgium but in the regions of Avesnes and Vervins.

On those fronts the enemy engaged the greater part of his heavy tank divisions. The battle took on the aspect of a veritable melee. Further to the east, the enemy attacked in the region of Sedan and Montmédy without success. In close collaboration with the Home Air Force, our aviation continues its energetic and

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BRUSSELS ENTERED, SAYS NAZI CLAIM

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, MAY 17 (UP).—THE GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE ENTERED BRUSSELS. A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE NAZI HIGH COMMAND TO-NIGHT READ: "AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH POSITIONS SOUTH OF LOUVAIN, GERMAN TROOPS THIS EVENING MARCHED INTO BRUSSELS."

According to DNB, the official German news agency, Nazi troops have reoccupied Louvain and have also reached parts of northern France.

German reports from the front adopt a jubilant tone. Says one: "The German successes in France are sensational. Our troops have broken through the Maginot Line in the south from Maesteg to Garignan along a 60-mile front. Thus the steel and concrete defence ring with which France was encompassed on her eastern frontier has been burst."

Staggering Achievement

Another Berlin message says that well-informed military sources there have described the alleged break-through on a 60-mile front as a staggering achievement of German arms.

However, they express caution and indicated that this does not necessarily mean the beginning of a decisive and final German victory on the Western Front.

Nazi military chiefs confess that the French can now be expected to launch a desperate attack from the south against the German flank as it swings to the north, recalling a similar manoeuvre by the famed French "Taxis" army in the first world war, when they attacked the right flank of the German forces swinging southwards of Paris, and defeated the Germans in the battle of the Marne.

Nazi Probable Manoeuvre

Neutral experts now believe that the Nazis will probably attempt to swing in a great arc to the north towards the English Channel, enclosing forces on a large scale—many of which are believed to be British—in north Belgium and the northeast corner of France.

These observers point out that the magnitude of the German successes is emphasised by the fact that they first took Namur and broke through

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Germans Lost Thousand Planes In First Week

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that it is believed the German air force has lost over 1,000 aircraft since the invasion of the Low Countries.

The Air Ministry states that to the losses in the Low Countries must be added losses in Poland and Norway.

R.A.F. bombers again raided military objectives in western Germany last night and many direct hits were obtained in these operations. None of our aircraft was lost.

Attacks were made by medium bombers on enemy transports and petrol reserves round Sedan and several fires broke out.

Nazi Troops Bombed

During yesterday enemy thrusts in the Meuse Valley were fiercely resisted. Enemy armoured bridges were blown up, roads were

LATEST

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Further Late News

The Nazi Military Bible: INSTALMENT FIFTH

RUSSIA is in many respects the antithesis of England. It may not be an island lying off the European coast, but neither the country nor the people nor the civilisation really belongs to Europe; in spite of two centuries of ardent endeavour it remains a part of Asia, with which its spaciousness, land bound character, Mongoloid blood and stagnant immobility link it.

Russia entered the circle of European powers not much later than England, but as a land, not a sea power. Both of them press heavily on others, England by her fleet, her command of the sea, her commerce and her threats of blockade, Russia by her enormous army which comes along like a steam roller, and can never be finally cornered and beaten in its own country.

Both are world powers, England in virtue of her overseas colonies held together by a finely spun web of sea routes, Russia by her vast Asiatic colony which merges imperceptibly into the mother country.

Russian industry was and is totally inadequate for equipping a large army or keeping it supplied through a long war.

During the world war the Russian armament industry only succeeded in producing one million new or reconditioned rifles during 1914 and 1915; this even with the three quarters of a million imported from abroad, was not nearly enough to cover the demand for that period, which amounted to three or four millions. It was not till 1916 that home production and imports between them proved adequate; the field artillery, and this deficiency was not remedied till the end of 1917, when the Russians began to withdraw their army from the front.

The heavy artillery was in even worse case; during the retreat of 1915 it constantly had to be withdrawn from the scene of action through lack of shells.

Japan And The Allies

Had the Germans succeeded in keeping Japan away from the Allies and, if possible, as a benevolent neutral (we will not even suggest the notion of an alliance) the Russians would have been able to make considerably less use of the Siberian railway for supplying the needs of their army, or perhaps none at all—in which case Russia could have gone on with a war which but such an undreamed of strain on industry, beyond the spring of 1915. This may serve as a lesson in case of future wars or alliances with Russia.

Russia, which is still an immensely populous country, is impotent except in alliance with a highly industrialised power. Among her neighbours the only one that fits this description is Germany; all the other industrial countries (England, France, America, perhaps Japan) can only maintain communications with her western regions, which will decide the military issue, by the most difficult and devious channels.

Russia, both old and new, is a country of many nationalities, so that we cannot very well speak of a Russian character covering the whole of Russia.

There is something resigned and brooding about them, and they will often follow up one action with a completely contradictory one which takes us, with our ways of thinking, completely by surprise.

Blank indifference may suddenly burst forth into violent action, apparently hopeless stupidity into boundless imagination, and a vague feeling of inferiority has its counterpart in fits of absurdity.

They will buckle under to brute force ruthlessly applied, but every now and again their suppressed murmuring breaks out into an ungovernable fury in which they do things that they often bitterly regret afterwards.

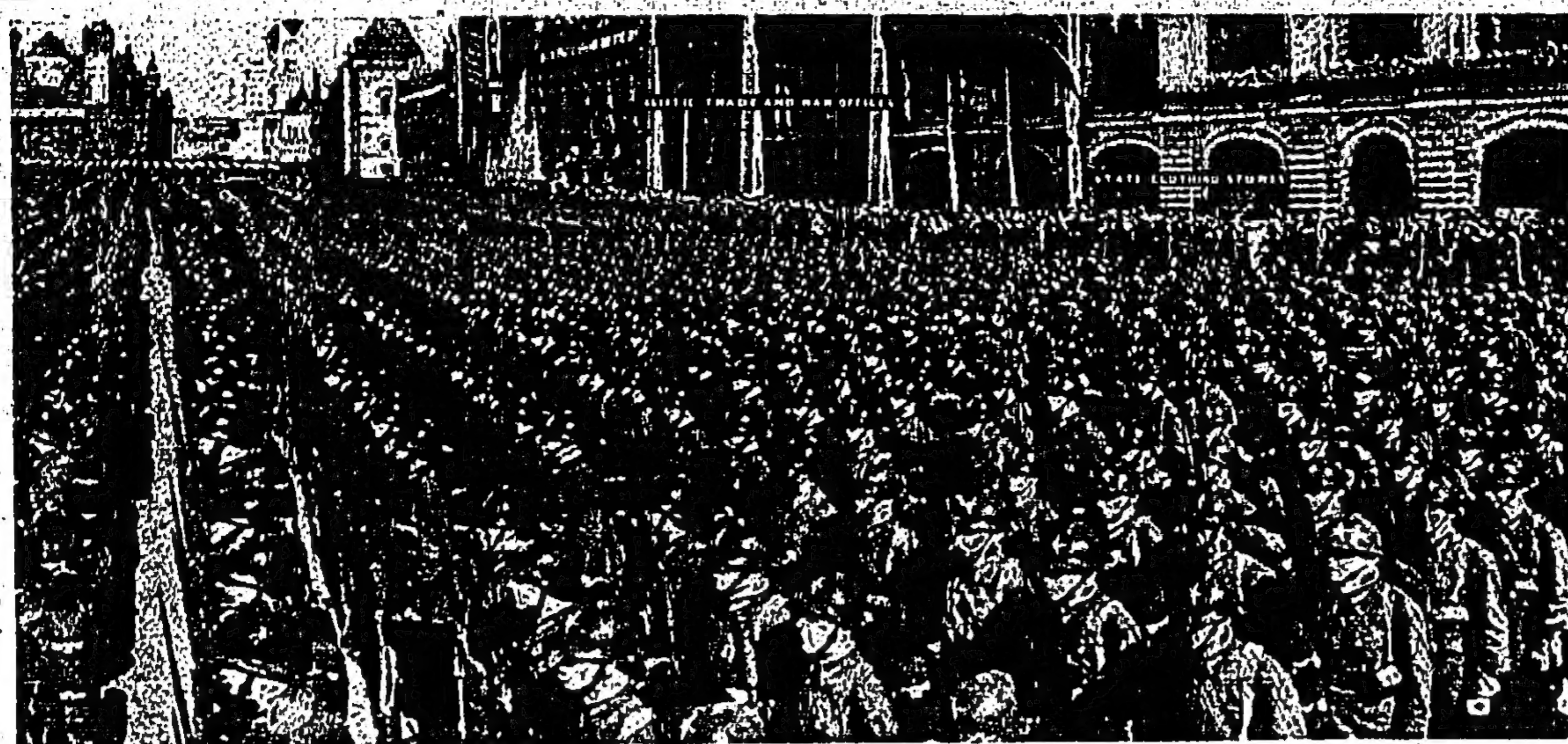
The Russian masses are incapable of any progressive development or enterprise on their own, but the weight of their numbers and their blind obedience enable them to be used under resolute leadership, as a means to the accomplishment of great tasks.

Must Be Under The Whip

With a strong hand over them they can be relied upon, not otherwise; without it the unstable side of their character comes to the front, and instead of the mighty Russian Empire the foreigner finds a vast collection of isolated villages.

The Great Russian nation never knows what it wants; it oscillates helplessly between action and dream; it kisses its lions with penitential devotion and then goes straight off and gets blind drunk on vodka.

The nation as a whole always stands behind its leaders even when the latter are suddenly changed, as in 1917. The government can always count on the support of the complete and unquestioning acceptance of its decrees, and a lack of critical sense which always shouts



Red troops drawn up in a square in Moscow.

ON THIS PAGE are further extracts from "Raum Und Volk im Weltkrieg," the "Bible" of the German Army. In previous chapters, the author, Professor Ewald Banse (Professor of Military Science at Brunswick University), wrote of the methods Germany would employ in invasion of France, Belgium, Holland and Britain. We have seen the methods put into practice in Belgium and Holland. To-day is described German military opinion of Russia and Japan.

GERMANY AND THE STEAM ROLLER

hurrah for the man who has the power and uses it ruthlessly.

The first named instinct accounts for the dumb obedience of the soldiers, who allowed themselves to be driven into battle in solid masses like sheep and mowed down by the superior technical equipment and strategy of the enemy; the second for the prompt seizure of power by the Soviets, inasmuch as the peasants, who were supposed to be so devoted to the Tsar, in most cases cheerfully accepted the change of government without in the least realising what it meant.

The class which rules these masses has hardly any roots in them. Under the Tsar it was mostly Germanic with an international streak, and Russian nationalists in complexion; to-day it is wholly international, with the eastern-Jewish cum Tartar cum Caucasian note predominating.

Whatever its composition, it has always known that force is the only thing which can set the Russian masses, with their half dumbly submissive, half rebellious character, moving along the line which a far sighted government is bound to adopt if it wants to keep its own and its country's end up against foreign powers.

The Russian soldier, accustomed to being ordered about for generations submitted willingly, if in most cases ignorantly, to military discipline. Contemptuous of death, he went bravely and clumsily into battle in dense waves, dumbly resigned to his fate. He knew that he was fighting against superior generalship, training and technical equipment. His stoical determination was as impotent as the ruthlessness but not sufficiently circumspect and intelligent tactics of his leaders against the German superiority of fire. Otherwise he could never have repulsed and in places even routed the immense forces of the Russians in 1914 with such few troops, some of which were past the age for active service.

In retreat, however, though not in attack, the Russian higher command showed its skill and prevented us from ever enveloping the whole Russian army.

Bearing in mind all this and also the shortage of arms and munitions in a country so little industrialised and almost cut off from the allies, we must not conceal from ourselves that we owe our victories, which were all achieved with in-

ferior numbers, in no small degree to the deficiencies of the Russians.

Falkenhayn And Napoleon

The great difference between the German advance into Russia in 1915 and Napoleon's in 1812 is that in 1812 there were no railways, so that the French advanced in lines with a narrow front, which meant that their rearward communications were in great danger; in other words, they were handicapped in every possible way by the size of the country.

The Germans a hundred years later took the railways, with them, which made their communications safe, especially as they advanced on a broad front; hence the size of the country only militated against them in so far as they were out to attack the enemy; afterwards, and as soon as the railway was functioning, it shrank and lost much of its perilousness.

With modern pioneering technique, destruction of railways, bridges and roads causes a merely momentary delay, hence it only affects troops in pursuit, not communications.

The tragedy of the German offensive in Russia in 1915 is that when the Lord had delivered the Russian army into our hands we threw away our chance of annihilating it because that was no part of our (i.e. Falkenhayn's) plan, having been dismissed in advance as hopeless. After the loss of the battle of the Marne, almost the only thing left for us apart from an invasion of England—was to dispose of the Russian army completely and then concentrate our whole strength on the western front. We might have done this during the spring of 1916, when there was as yet no threat to our eastern front from Rumania, when England still had relatively few men in the field, and there was no question of American help for the Allies.

From the end of 1917 onwards right through 1918 the revolutionary Russian army, and Russia generally played an extremely important, though purely passive, part, both in relations to us and the Allies, in determining the further course of the War and its final issue.

The Russian army fought against us no more, but it continued to exist and thereby caused us to leave a million men in Russia, as a result of which we were too weak for the decisive struggle of 1918 on the western front.

Publication of these extracts was rendered possible by the translation of the original German document into English by Messrs. Lovat, Dickson, the well-known British publishing house, who, despite German threats, published the document under the title "Germany, Prepare for War."

The Russian army thus did the same thing in the east as the British navy did in the west; both pressed heavily upon us by merely being there, that and nothing else.

And we must not conceal from ourselves the fact that the harsh manner in which we conducted the negotiations for the peace of Brest-Litovsk between December 1917 and March 1918 was partly responsible for this condition of affairs, with all the fatal consequences to us which it entailed.

We have here an instance of the failure of our government and our higher command to grasp the situation, especially where it touched on the domain of national psychology. It is not only by military but also by psychological weapons that wars are waged, won—and lost.

The collapse of Russia became quite open and irrevocable when the Bolsheviks came into power under the leadership of Lenin in the autumn of 1917.

When our higher command sent Lenin in a sealed coach from Switzerland through Germany to Russia, it little knew it was signing Germany's death warrant.

The occupation of large portions of South Russia especially, by German and Austro-Hungarian troops (they got as far as a line drawn from Lake Peipus through Polotsk, Mohilev, and Bialgorod to Rostov-on-the-Don, besides seizing Trans Caucasia) left the Russian army untouched. And the fact that under the peace of Brest-Litovsk, which Russia was eventually compelled to sign, she "permanently" lost Poland, Lithuania, Courland and Finland, and temporarily lost Lithuania and Estonia, which meant that she was almost completely excluded from the Baltic; and that the Ukraine, her chief granary, was taken away from her, was all of no real value as long as Germany and Austria had not won the War. The fact was that the fate of the east could only be decided in the west.

Japan Like Great Britain

Japan is an island empire lying off the middle of the east coast of Asia and her geographical position is therefore similar to Great Britain's. Politically and economically Japan has been a power since the arrival of Western maritime and commercial powers on the scene, the centre of gravity in eastern Asia shifted from the mainland to the coast and adjacent sea, and when the Pacific, too, suddenly became of importance to eastern Asia.

More rapidly, perhaps, even than England in the 17th century, Japan at the close of the 19th realised the nature of the change, adapted herself to the new situation and sought to take a place among the great powers.

Since the territory of the Japanese motherland—the three islands of Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu, to which may be added the bleak northern island of Jesso—is small—and mountainous, Japanese families prolific, and economic life at home restricted, it was necessary for Japan, if she was to become a great power, to extend her territories to the adjacent mainland, whence she could aim at dominating the whole of eastern Asia and the Pacific.

First China was humbled; then Russia was shortly afterwards beaten; and with the acquisition of Korea, and the southern part of Saghalin and the establishment of a foothold in southern Manchuria, the extension of Japanese territory to the mainland was achieved.

goal of predominance in eastern Asia and supremacy over China. This explains her declaration of war against Germany on August 23, 1914, preceded on August 15 by an ultimatum couched in most impudent terms, the product of accumulated irritation and self importance.

Next followed the conquest of our Chinese concession of Kiao-chau, whose capital Tsingtau surrendered on November 7, 1914, for lack of munitions, after an absurdly elaborate two months' siege, considering that it was nothing more than a fortified watering place.

The first move towards the Pacific was also made at this time, the Japanese chasing German ships in the company of British cruisers and occupying some of our small and unprotected South Sea islands, where they came into competition with the British from Australia.

When at the end of 1917 the United States on their entry into the War conceded to the Japanese special privileges in China, in order that their rear might be secure, Japan reached the height of her power and began openly to preach a kind of Monroe doctrine for the Far East. Moreover, by 1917-18 when every British and American ship was needed for service in Europe, Japan had established her commercial supremacy in the Pacific and was able to build a large merchant fleet.

The permanent results of the war years for Japan were: (1) the removal of the German (accidentally the smallest) obstacle, and the further thrusting back of Russia in Manchuria; (2) the rank of a respected great power with a population of 90 millions, which overshadowed the Far East and without whose consent nothing can be undertaken in that quarter; as against that (3), a new political estrangement from Great Britain and the United States, who are concerned at all costs to prevent from shutting the door against them in China.

Since Japan cannot concern us as a theatre of war within any measurable future, we need not deal with her territory and may content ourselves with a few words about the Japanese character.

Its chief features are imitativeness and ambition, patriotism and chivalry, energy and a positively pedantic perseverance. This explains the amazing rapidity with which Japan has since the 'sixties of last century emerged from darkest mediocrity into the light of modern civilisation, having recognised that, if she is to preserve her national existence and her political independence, she must resort to the use of European weapons.

Here she stands in marked contrast to the far greater Chinese nation which does not possess this stern determination. The Japanese devotes all his mental and moral energies and all his labour to the promotion of his country's interests, and his reward is that in scarcely half a century Japan has become a great power with a voice in world affairs.

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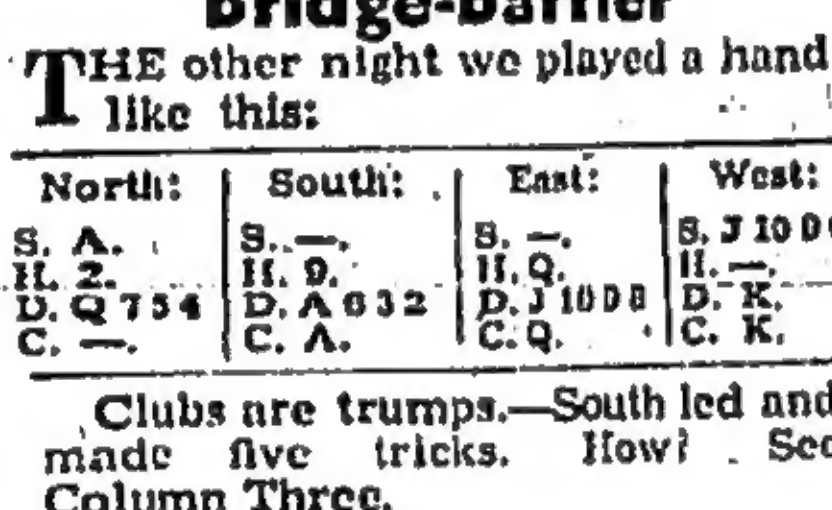
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15. Was the Boat-race rowed this year—and if so, who won? (1 mark.)
16. What Dominion troops have recently been stationed in Egypt? (2 marks.)
17. Name the London tanker believed to have sunk a U-boat off Trinidad? (3 marks.)
18. What was the first unit of the Territorial Army to have entered No Man's Land? (3 marks.)
19. They have celebrated a centenary—days late. Whose—and why? (2 marks.)
20. When was Britain's Budget day this year? (2 marks.)

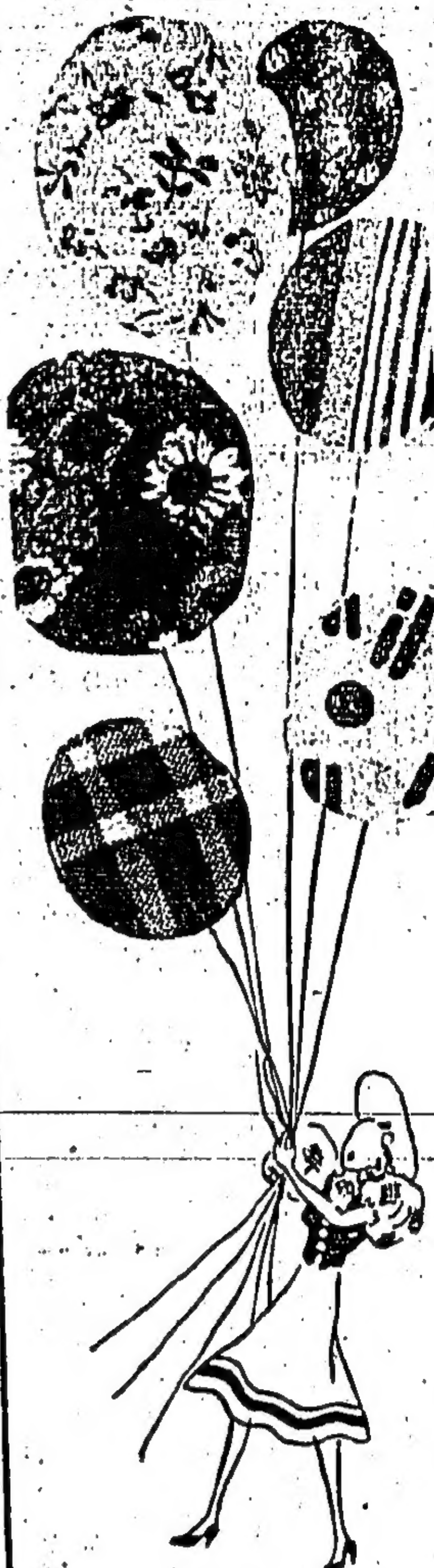
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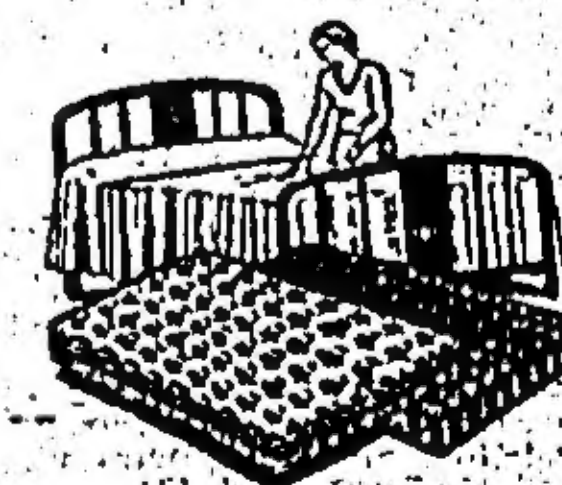
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Meeting of House Committee At the Home

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Morning Prayer Service at 10.15 a.m. Hymn No. 36, Prayer, Hymn No. 313. Second Lesson, Lesson, Hymn No. 313. Third Lesson, Lesson, Hymn No. 313. Sermon, Benediction.

Evening Service at 7 p.m. Hymn No. 339, Prayer, Hymn No. 468, Lesson, Lesson, Hymn No. 468. Sermon, Benediction. Notices for the Week.

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May 21, Tuesday, 8 p.m. Parochial Church Council Meeting. Vice-presidents: Mr. J. E. Sandbach, Mr. J. E. Sandbach. Mr. J. E. Sandbach, Mr. J. E. Sandbach.

UNION CHURCH (KENNEDY ROAD)

Salvation Army To Hold Meeting on Tuesday

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Service 8 p.m. Preacher at Morning Service, Rev. J. E. Sandbach. Preacher at Evening Service, Rev. E. R. Moreton.

The Sunday School meets in the Church Hall, Kennedy Road, at 10.30 a.m. The Salvation Army hold a short meeting in the Church Hall on Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m. Tea and light refreshments are provided, and a special invitation is accorded to Servicemen.

LESSON SERMON

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches to-morrow, May 19, will be: "Mortals and Immortals." The Golden Text will be: "This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." (1 Cor. 15:53).

Among others, the following citations will be read from the Bible: "The children of the Kingdom shall not inherit the Kingdom of God, but they shall be like Him, who is without sin." (1 Cor. 15:50).

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Agents, Hongkong, 1st May, 1940.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers, Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

ST. ANDREW'S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND, KOWLOON)

Trinity Festival Services To-morrow

Sunday, May 19, Trinity Sunday. Holy Communion, 9 a.m. Preacher: The Rev. Charles Higgins of the American Episcopal Church. Evening Service, 7 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. J. E. Sandbach. The Sunday Club will be held after this service. Everyone invited.

Sunday Schools.—Primary Sunday School, 10 a.m. Leader, Miss W. Robinson. Young People's Service, 10 a.m. Leader, Mrs. J. R. Higgs.

Monday, May 20.—Medical War Working Party for China, 10 a.m. Fellowship of Youth and B.W.P. Working Party, 8 p.m. Teachers' Preparation Class, 7 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Committee Meeting, 8.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Social Evening, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21.—Mothers' Union, 3 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. Fisher; Browne Pack, Young People's Service, 10 a.m. Leader, Mrs. J. R. Higgs.

Wednesday, May 22.—Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m. Wolf Cubes, 8.30 p.m. Lower School, 8.45 p.m. (St. Columba's, Kowloon Tong).

Thursday, May 23.—Women's Fellowship and B.W.P. Working Party, 3 p.m. Boy Scouts, 8 p.m. St. Andrew's Club Table Tennis Match at home v. the Young People's Service, 8.30 p.m.

Friday, May 24.—Medical War Working Party, 10 a.m.; Full Choir Practice, 6.30 p.m.

Saturday, May 25.—St. Andrew's Club Lunch Dining Plan for members and friends of the Club and the Church, 1.30 p.m. for the season. Lunch leaves the Police Club, 3 p.m.

REFUGEES FLOCK TO PARIS

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—So many refugees are flocking here that the small northern entrance to the city were closed to-day to all other traffic. The United States Red Cross has sent £25,000 to help these Belgian and Dutch refugees.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 20th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Argyle Street, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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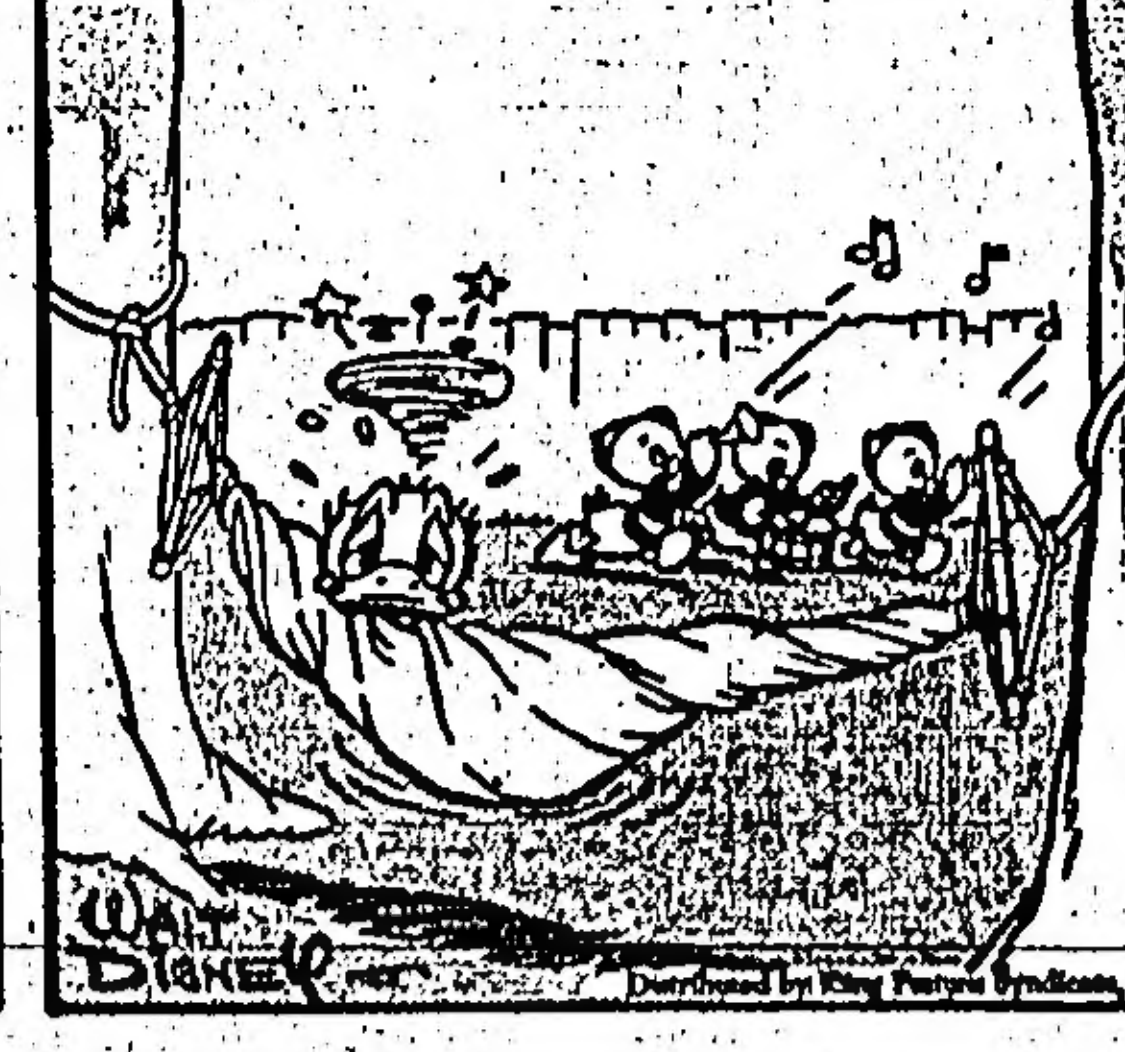
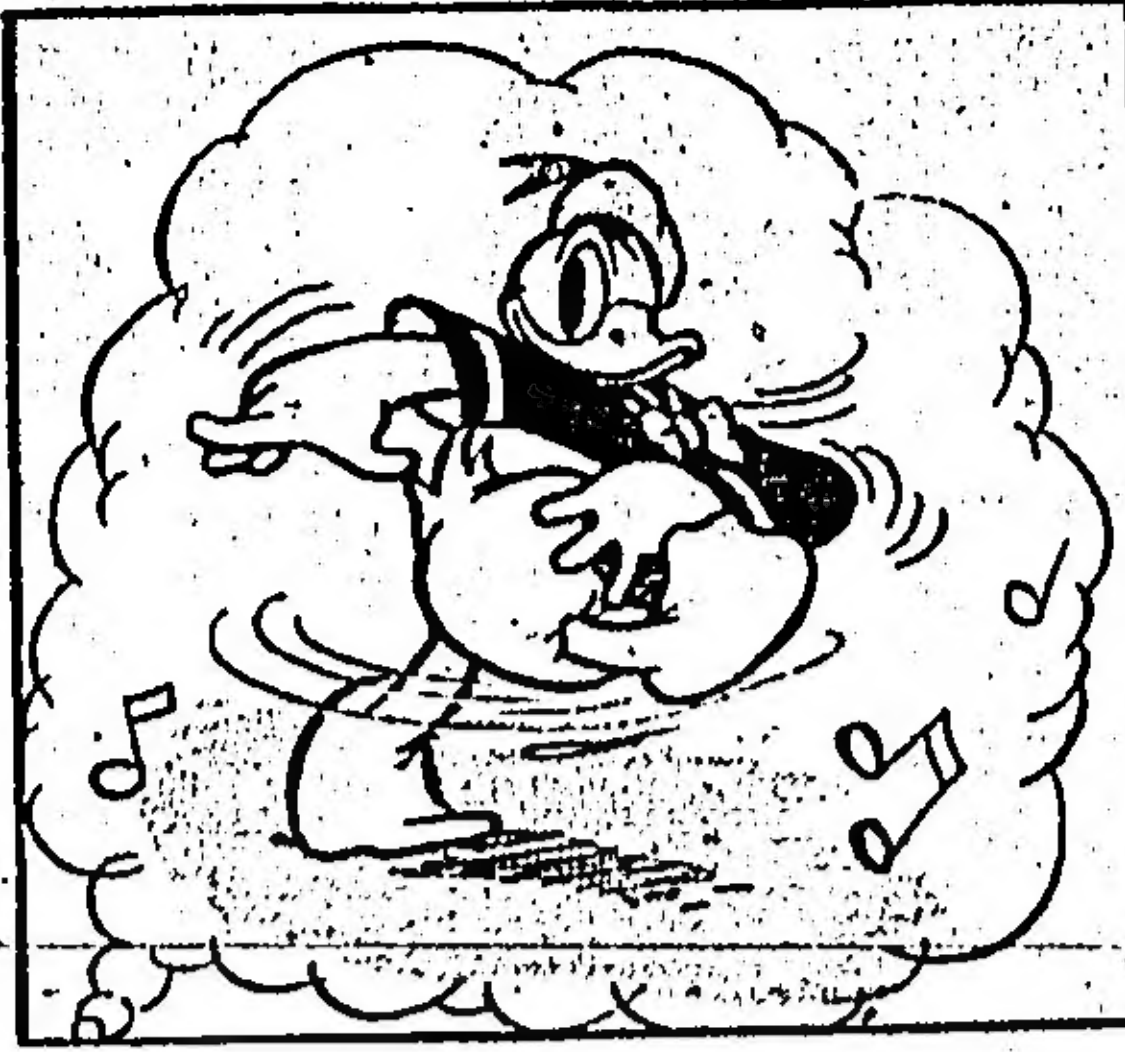
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Martial Law In Holland

New Measures By
Triumphant Nazis

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—According to the German-controlled Hilversum radio, martial law is decreed in the occupied parts of Holland.

The announcement is accompanied by a list of severe penalties for specified "crimes," including assisting civilians to escape from the German-occupied areas or giving information prejudicial to German interests.

The rate of exchange is fixed at one and a half marks to one guilder. The military authorities' receipts must be accepted for purchases over 500 marks.

Dutch troops will be employed in repairing damage.

More Government Appointments

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Further Government appointments were announced from No. 10 Downing Street to-night and include the War Office and Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State—Brig. General Sir Henry Page-Croft and Sir Edward Grigg, Financial Secretary—Mr. Richard Kinn, Treasury Joint Parliamentary Secretaries—Capt. Margeson and Sir Charles Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Economic Warfare—Mr. Dingle Foot, Under-Secretary for India and Burma—the Duke of Devonshire, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Admiralty—Sir Victor Warrender, Parliamentary Secretary of Pensions—Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Information—Mr. Harold Nicholson.

LETTERS

To The Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

dear mlaier editler

i ave bin receivin a lot ov letters from people wot sez i dont rite proper langwidge, they sez my gram-mar is bad—poor ole gal she kicked the bucket years ago

anyway i ave bin havin sum lessons from a teacher wot i got from the adverts in the little ole mornin post an corlume shes a little bit of orright she kin lork ori sorts of langwidges an she knows sum good wuns abart may wot

corlveduck yu as ter lern a lot of sings in grammar i tink ori noospaper blokes should ave sum

first yu as ter lern nouns sum of wich is proper an sum you mustnt say at all, a abstract noun is one wich yu cant hear see tuch or smell a collective noun is wastepaper basket

a interjckshun is wot a bloke does wen e is too frttened to make gram-mar, i erd a bloke in ml bank say a interjckshun the uvver day wen the clark give in is check back wiv robert donate inshule on it

figure langwidge is wen you meen chicken an sez chandeleer (french fer rooster)

then yu as ter lern genders wich shows wewer a bloke is masculin femalin or neutral, neutral is wot little ole mussolceny is but e aint sure wot side e is neutral on

a moor is ladin up yer sleeve an a conjunkshun is the place where two railway lines cums together

annuver noun is trowls wich is a funny wun because they are plural at the bottom and singlar at the top the plural of ox is oxygen

femlin fer batchlor is lady in wulthin and the first person is adam

ml teacher is also techin me sum french an wun day i will rite yu sum letters in french if yu would like sum

french is a very andy langwidge and ori the cuss words meens animals yu can corl a bloke evrying in a blinkin farmyard hors d'oevry is a french word meenin out of work and hors de combat meens war horse

topkin abart words the uvver day i see in the noospaper suming abart inflation in germany so i arst ml teacher abart it an she sed they as to ave inflation in germany becos uvverwhe little ole soring wouldnt ave enywhere to and is medals

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Decorations For Daring

16 R.A.F. Heroes Win
Recognition

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Many daring exploits have gained for officers and non-commissioned officers awards for gallantry and devotion to duty.

Twelve Distinguished Flying Crosses and four Distinguished Flying Medals were awarded in the latest series of Air Ministry bulletins.

Outstanding Deeds.
Among the outstanding deeds was one in which an officer, compelled to land owing to shortage of petrol on the return flight from Warsaw, found himself in a small field in Germany. Despite the difficulties, he managed to take off again and save the aircraft and the crew.

One non-commissioned officer obtained a direct hit on a submarine in the Heligoland Bight.

One officer landed important passengers in Norway despite very bad weather all the time and persistent bombing attacks.

Navigator's Feat.
In another instance, the navigator of an aircraft engaged in special night reconnaissance, took control when the Squadron Leader was wounded and the controls and instruments were damaged. He brought the damaged aircraft back over 450 miles of sea.

MORE TAXES FOR U.S. SUGGESTED

WASHINGTON, May 17 (Reuter).—The realization is spreading that President Roosevelt's defence proposals yesterday are but a beginning, and some political observers declare that Treasury officials are privately discussing the expenditure of an additional ten milliard dollars for defence before the end of 1942.

As Congress begins to attack the problem of passing the new defence programme, the Press is busy reminding the nation that the new armaments must be paid for. The most widely suggested means is through a greatly increased income tax.

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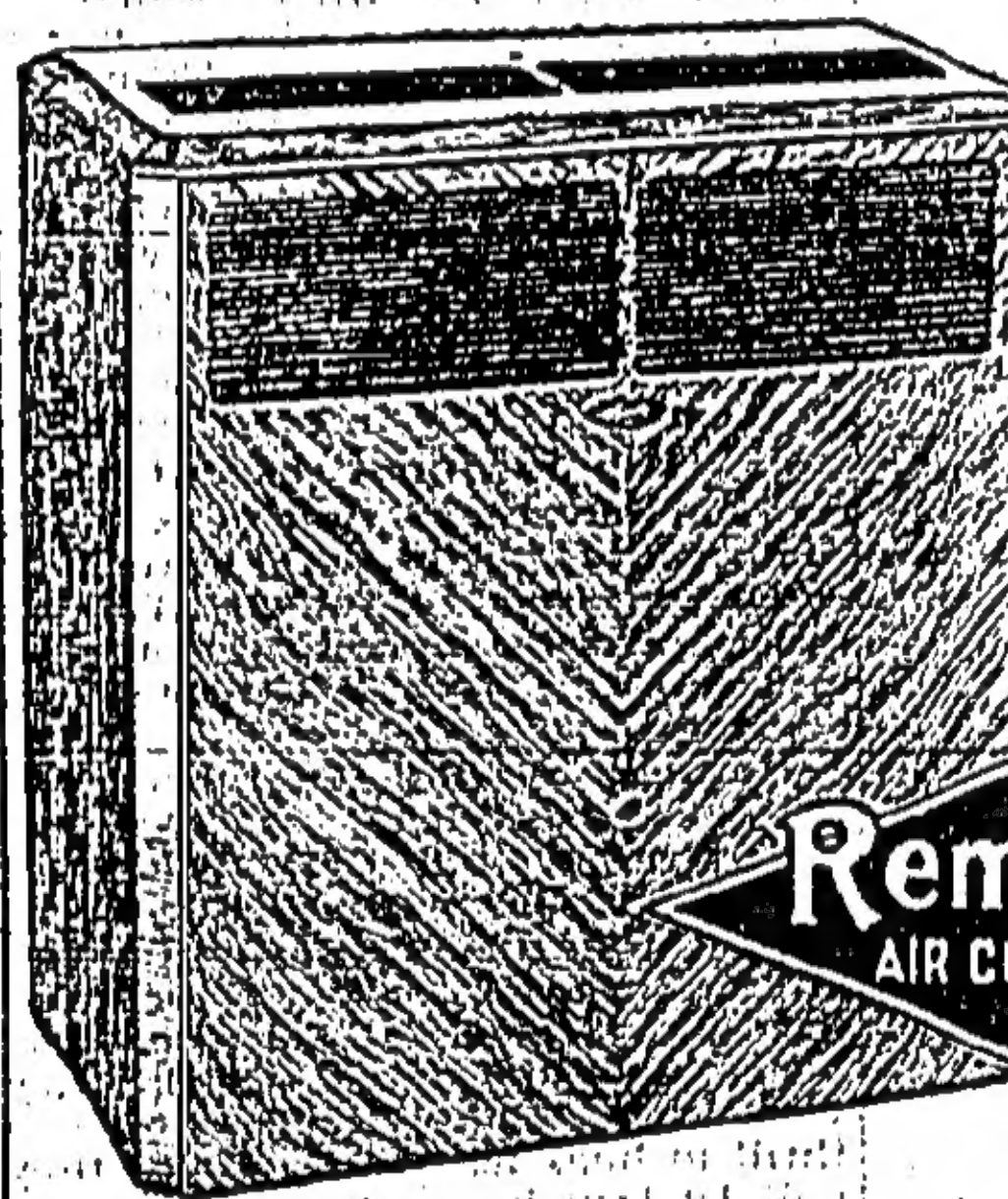
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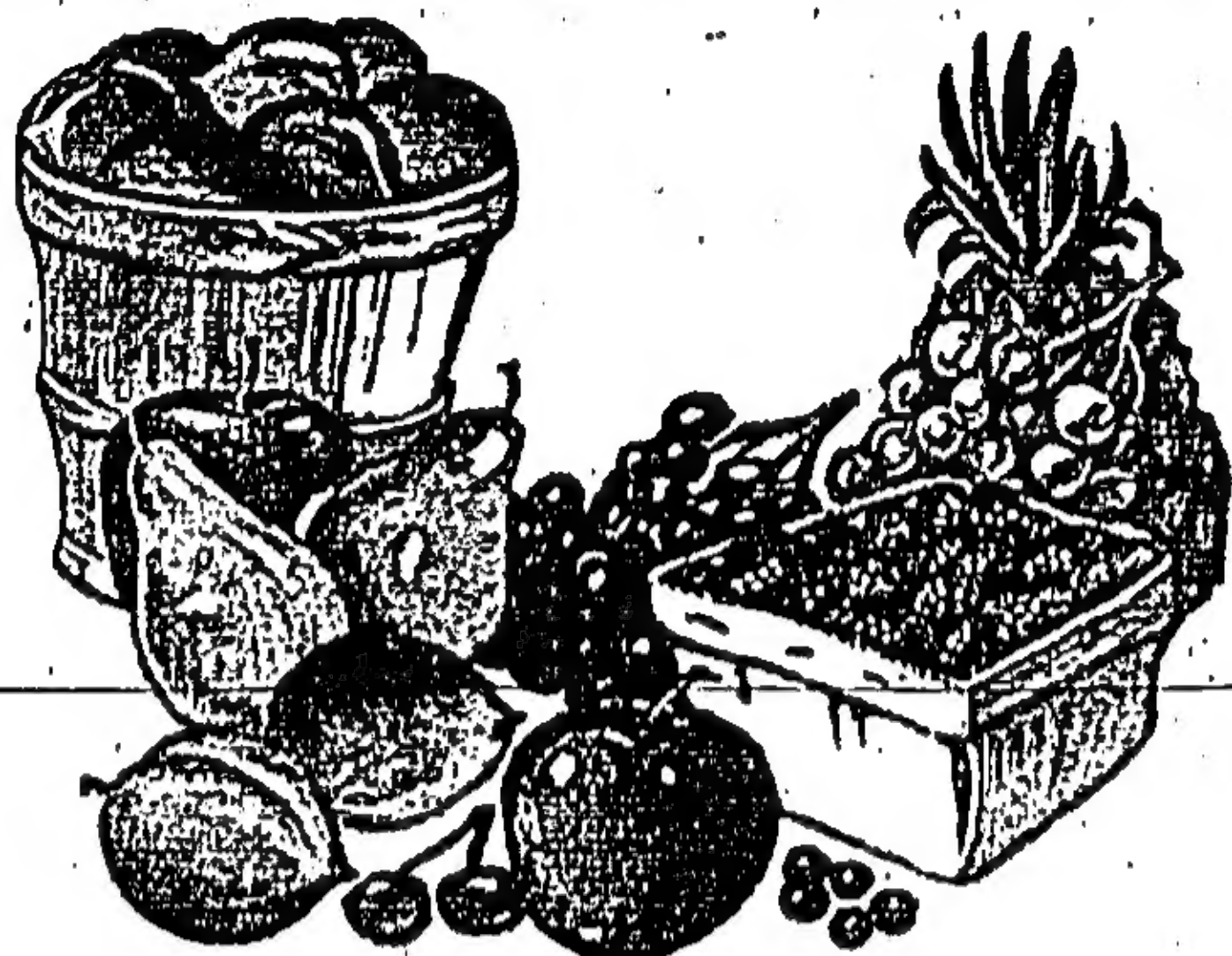
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One of the Dutch seamen who were bombed and machine-gunned by Nazi airmen being lifted from a rescuing British submarine at a Scottish port.

BRITONS (in Germany) DIG FOR VICTORY

GERMANY is making British prisoners "dig for victory"—the Fuehrer's—according to broadcasts by captured British soldiers.

THEY ARE BUILDING BAR-RACKS FOR MORE PRISONERS. The latest broadcast is that of five men said to have been captured by a German raiding party on the Western Front recently and to be in a prison camp in the west of Germany. All were said to be "fit and well," but a few of their comrades were said to be still in hospital.

When a man described as Harry Wild, of Ferndale-road, Islington, London, declared that he was "digging for what they call here victory," the German commentator declared: "You are digging here new barracks for further accommodation. You are going to move soon as some more are coming in due course."

His Second Broadcast
For the second time in six weeks the Nazis brought to the microphone Lance-Corporal Johnny Walford, who was the first British prisoner to broadcast from a German prison camp.

He said: "Hello, Beryl, I am well and doing navvying." Sixteen-year-old Beryl-Bishop sat up late with her mother in the drawing-room of their home in Praeger-street, Battersea, S.W., specially to hear the broadcast.

She said: "I never thought they would use Johnny again. It was a thrill to hear his voice. I hope they will let him broadcast regularly, it's the only way I can be sure he's well. Navvying won't bother Johnny; he's strong."

"Mother says I am too young to marry, but I shall wait for Johnny however long he war lasts."

Beryl has known Johnny since she was twelve. Others who broadcast were Jack Bateman, London postal worker, who belonged to No. 1 Branch, E.C.D.A.; Tom Burnett, of Croyland-road, Edmonton, N., and Joseph Nugent, an Irishman from Surrey.

"I Am O.K."

Bateman, in a message to "Elsie," said: "I hope you are all right and also you, Pat and the children as well. I am O.K., and cannot grumble at the weather here. It is nice to-day."

Burnett asked "Dad and Mum" to send his kind regards to Maud and to the mother of St. Dunstan's. He said he was "navvying with Johnny Walford to keep myself fit."

"Digging for victory?" asked the Nazi.

Nugent said: "Hello, Francis, I hope you are well, and the boys."

At the end of the broadcast the announcer said, quoted by Reuters: "We hope to be able to make similar broadcasts in the course of the next few days."



This Boy Can Speak After Ten Years

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Peter Cripps, of Dartford, Kent, can speak for the first time since he was two.

In all that time he had breathed through a rubber tube in his neck. Now plastic surgery has given him a new windpipe, with skin grafted from his left arm.

When Peter first spoke the other day, his own voice frightened him. But when he leaves Great Ormond-street Hospital for Sick Children he will be able to talk, shout and whistle.

At the age of two a disease of the larynx affected Peter's windpipe. A delicate operation was performed, and the rubber tube was given an outlet through a hole where he will now be able to wear a collar.

"The words come now."

German terror film flops

GOERING has ordered all cinemas in Germany to show the new propaganda film, "Baptism of Fire," in an effort to restore the people's faith in the supremacy of his air force.

The film shows the terrible destruction wrought by the German air force in Poland, and concludes with the declaration that the same fate awaits Britain.

A neutral newspaper correspondent reports that the film failed to convince the audience at a recent premiere.

Women warned not to wear trousers

THIRTEEN "don'ts" are handed to men and women who go to France to entertain the troops under the E.N.S.A. scheme. And women, in addition, are warned not to wear trousers "because it might not be understood." In the list are:

1. Don't discuss military matters in public.
2. Don't discuss the war with strangers.
3. Don't discuss conditions at home.
4. Don't discourage the British war effort.
5. Don't leave letters lying about.
6. Don't tell your friends all about it at home.

"They have only been advised to wear formal skirts on formal occasions."

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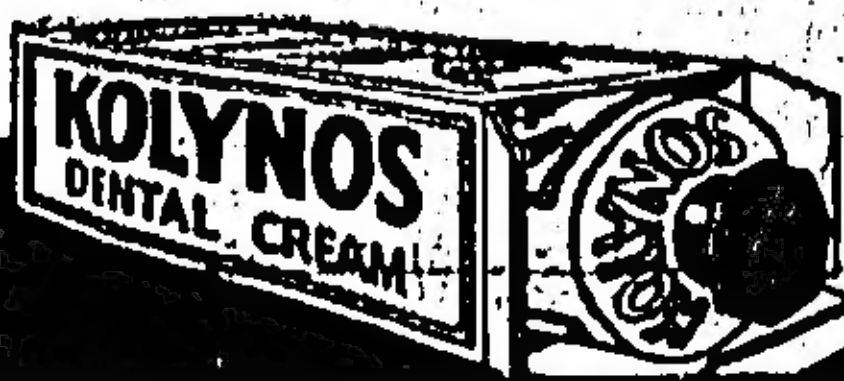
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LEFT.—French airmen preparing to take off on a raid into Berlin.

BELOW.—French soldiers preparing to embark from an unnamed port for Norway.

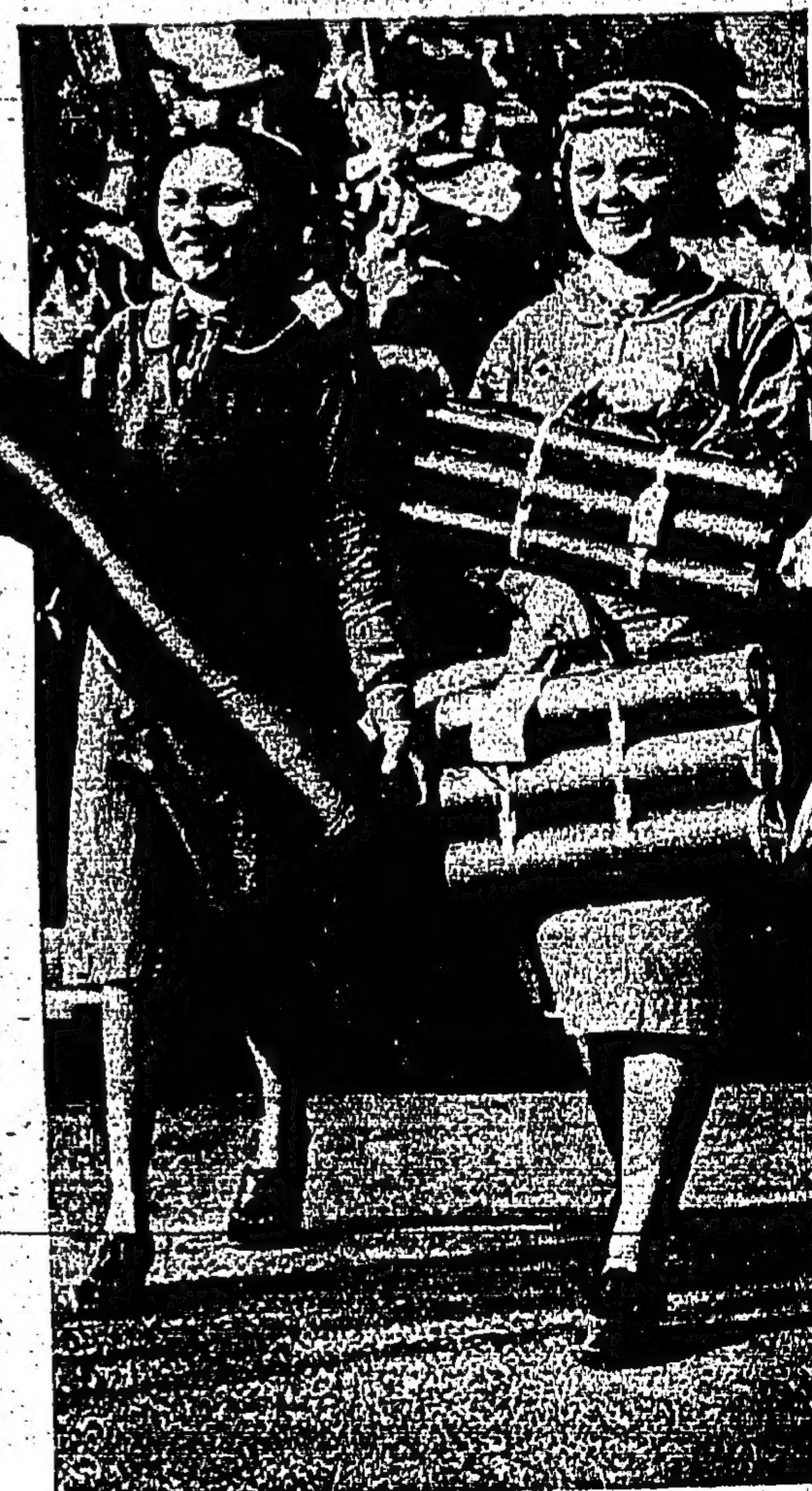
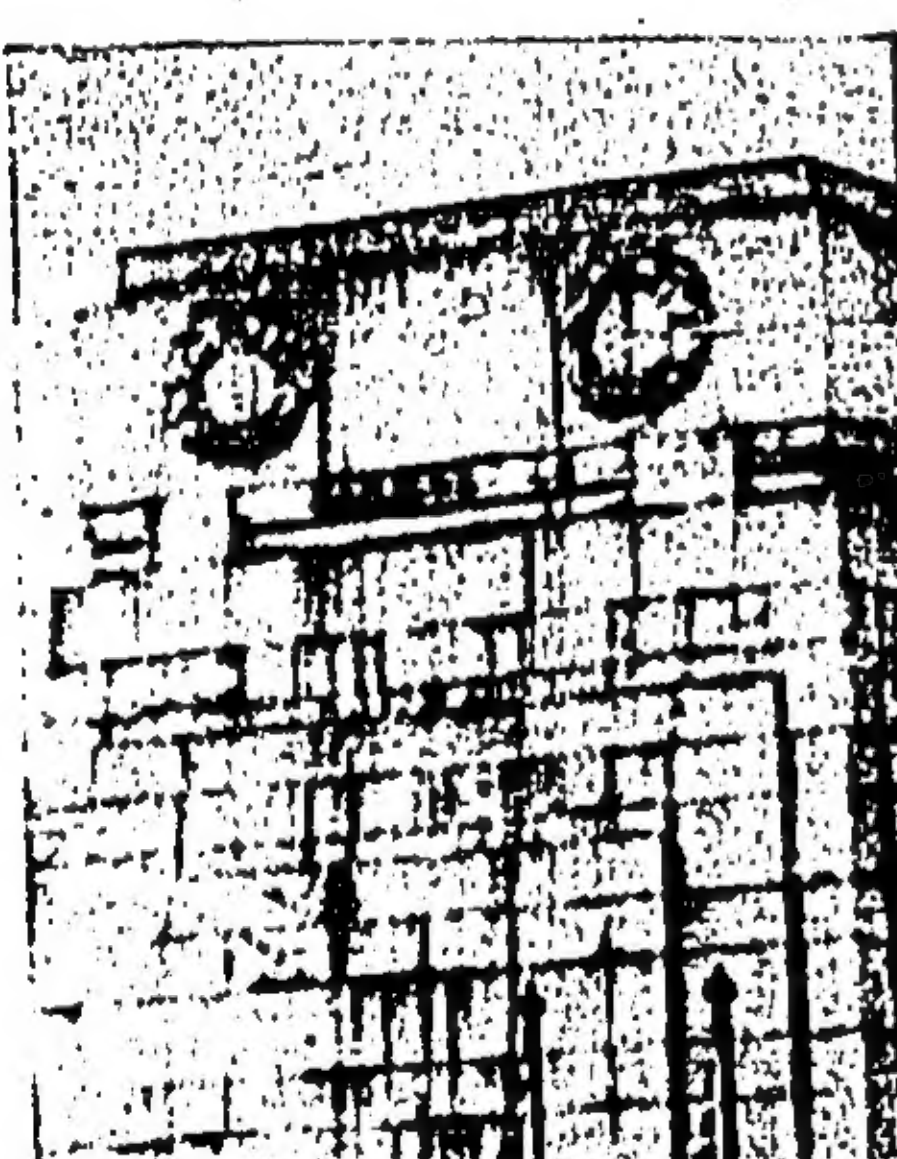


ABOVE.—"Stella" is one of the big French guns now in action against the invaders.

RIGHT.—A scene on the Libyan frontier.



ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS somewhere in France for a spot of trench digging



ABOVE.—The smiling girls are helping to win the war in England.

LEFT.—The 2nd Div., The Black Watch, marching through London preparatory to embarking for France.

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LIBERTY THE ISSUE



LORD HALIFAX

WE are under no illusion about the war.

We know how great are the issues of the liberty and independence of our own country and Commonwealth, and of all European States.

Neither do we underestimate the strength of our enemy or the sternness of the struggle upon which we are engaged. We realize that to secure victory in that struggle will require all the energy and all the resolution that we can command.

There is a profound difference between a dictatorship and democracy in this business of making war. The dictator enjoys great initial advantages. His preparations and his policy can be made in complete secrecy. But the people have no part in that policy. They do not know what it is. They cannot place themselves in opposition to it, and therefore the actions of a dictator appear to the outside world as the expression of a single will. In a democracy there is no surrender of private judgment. There is no suppression of outside contacts, and there is no sinister coercion by a secret police, and undoubtedly that increases the difficulty of any Govern-

ment in the time of preparation and planning. But when trouble comes the fact that the people know and the people have approved invests the decision reached with the overwhelming force of free judgment and united will.

It is just that unity of moral purpose which Herr Hitler rates so low which will be, if I mistake not, the principal cause of his defeat. The strain of modern war is very great, and there is no doubt in my mind, and I think there will be none in yours, that it will be borne more easily by the man who is in it from conviction than by the man who is in it by coercion.

There is no need to recall in more than a sentence the history of the last years, during which Europe has watched and waited and wondered, much as we wait through the sultry, heavy days of summer for the breaking of the storm. I became Foreign Secretary at the end of February, 1938, and within a fortnight of my going to that office the German Army marched into Austria. Two months later, in May, there was the crisis over the alleged preparations of Germany to attack Czechoslovakia, and, whatever may be the exact truth of those days, the immediate anxiety aroused was the measure of the extent to which even then the German Government had succeeded in

destroying the confidence of Europe, and all through the summer the operation of the new familiar technique was going on by way of preparation for the next offensive which culminated in the crisis of September, 1939.

The Munich settlement gave Germany all that she immediately wanted. In applying that Agreement I think it is true to say that every country there was a decided in Germany's favour, and yet it became clear at once that Herr Hitler was profoundly dissatisfied. In private he inveighed against the Agreement and against those of his advisers who had stood on the side of peace. In public he began within a few days to attack this country in speeches, and German newspapers that were closest to the Ministry of Propaganda in Germany launched a violent Press campaign against this country. It became rapidly evident that Herr Hitler, in fact, objected to the way of procedure by settlement through negotiation and that if we are to judge by all the evidence, he actually resented having been balked of a war over Czechoslovakia.

During several stages of the discussions which preceded Munich, Herr Hitler made it quite clear to those taking part in them that he was antagonistic with regard to the opportunity of chastising Czechoslovakia, and I have no doubt that he was also disillusioned because he hoped that after Munich we should be lulled into security and would close down on our own rearmament, making no attempt to compete with Germany, with the consequence that Germany would have been left in possession of what Hitler himself has called the mightiest armaments that the world has ever known, without a competitor, and in that position he could have made himself the dictator not only of Germany, but of Europe.

But there was some reason to hope that, having vented his annoyance, he would nevertheless abide by the settlement which he had signed, but we all know, of course, what happened. Within six months of the signature of that Agreement, in spite of many solemn promises, he annexed the remainder of that unhappy State, and it was the forcible incorporation of millions of men and women of another race that showed the world as in a flash that there was no question of German rights, but something that was the symptom of his real purpose—German domination—that struck at something very deep in the hearts and minds of the British people—the world over.

It is certainly true that that instinct of our people has always, throughout their history, driven them to resist attempts by any one nation to make itself master of Europe. They have always seen in any such attempts a threat both to their own existence and to the general course of liberty in Europe, and I have no doubt at all that the history of the nineteenth century proves them to have been right. Just look back. During that time, thanks to the command of the sea, the power of Great Britain was unchallenged, and it was no coincidence that that century—the nineteenth—saw a great development of liberty throughout the world. There is, I think, no more striking instance to be found of the different uses to which great strength can be put than that provided by this country and by Germany. No small nation has ever regarded our sea power as a menace to its orderly and legitimate development.

Not so with Germany, for no sooner had the land and air forces of Germany regained their strength after the last War than a kind of trembling began to run through the smaller States of Europe, and all Germany's neighbours felt not only their liberty but possibly their very existence threatened by it, and, therefore, I say without hesitation that if the British people have been right, as they had before, in resisting domination by any one Power in Europe, they are doubly so right to-day.

The occasions of war are not, of course, always their fundamental cause. It is true that the case of aggression on Poland was covered by our formal commitments to Poland, but it was not Poland in itself, but the whole picture of German policy, as by then it had been revealed, that first of all caused that commitment to be honoured with practical unanimity in this country when the time came.

It has been suggested that we might perhaps have stood aside and have allowed Germany to do what she liked in the East and South-East of Europe, and that we might have reached an understanding with Herr Hitler by which Germany would not challenge British or French vital interests. We have always been willing to recognize the special interests that Germany had in those parts of Europe which, for geographical or economic reasons, occupied for her special importance and in which therefore she was entitled to plan special interests.

But once it became clear that the purpose of German policy was domination by absorption of non-German people, then it was to my mind, overwhelmingly plain that we were once again faced by the identical challenge to history, no amount of Herr Hitler's assurance could disguise.

EDITORIAL

THE Blitzkrieg was a week old yesterday. What have the Germans accomplished in that week. They have another three enemies. The vast overseas resources and merchant marine of one—Holland—is now at the disposal of the Allies. Every neutral neighbour knows that the fate of the Scandinavian and Lowland countries may be theirs. Hitler's circle of sympathisers grows less.

HOW can Holland aid the Allies now she has been overrun? Study these figures: The Dutch East and West Indies are two of the world's richest colonies. They have a total area of 796,000 square miles, rich in oil, minerals, food, and with a population of 61,000,000 (seven times the population of the Netherlands). Holland's navy, still intact, has three cruisers, 8 destroyers, 10 submarines.

UNTIL Friday last week, few of Hitler's neighbours worried about "Fifth Columnists." Every German in every country in the world is now viewed with suspicion. The reaction to the invasion of Holland and Belgium has been instantaneous; frontiers have been manned, internal precautions have been adopted, suspicious "tourists" have been expelled. There is now no such thing as a "peaceful neutral."

MUSSOLINI may enter the war. But what of it? When we went to war with Germany in September did we expect to fight Germany alone? It was a "foregone conclusion" then that Italy would be a belligerent and there was more surprise at Mussolini's policy of "non-belligerence" than there was at, say, the conclusion of the Russo-German Pact. Mussolini has sat on the fence for at least eight and a half months.

BELGIUM is by no means conquered. In the last war she was overrun in four weeks and in five weeks the Germans were knocking at the gateway of Paris. The Kaiser was ready for the triumphant entry. The Great Retreat from Mons had eaten into the soul of the gallant Old Contemptibles, who contested every inch of the way across Flanders' bloody fields until the new B.E.F. could come to their aid.

SINCE Friday last week, Hitler has thrown every ounce of his power into Belgium and Holland. He has sought a Blitzkrieg victory and in eight days all he has gained has been the strip of territory east of the River Meuse and a salient into France at Sedan. His generals 25 years ago did much better than that without an air force or mechanised units. Don't forget that the initial advantage in every battle goes to the initiator. But so did the initial losses. For every six soldiers England, France and Belgium have thrown into the fray, Germany has thrown ten. This initial strength is possible because, defensive forces cannot know where the blow is going to come and their troops must be scattered over a wider front than the aggressor. But the Allied losses in man-power are proportionately less than the German losses, for the reason that the Army taking the offensive always pays more dearly. This was proved in the last war when the aggressor in the big Battles lost an average of twice as many men as the losers.

UNLESS Hitler can gain a quick victory in France his Blitzkrieg has failed. To win the war he must avoid positional fighting. He can only keep going as long as there is enough space for his mechanised units to operate. Once the stalemate of trench warfare comes—as come it must when the present Nazi drive ends—Hitler is doomed. The invasion of Belgium and Holland was the act of a desperate man—a man who cannot afford any longer to fight the war on the economic front.

PROFESSOR BANSSE, the Nazi military expert who was the author of the plan which Hitler last week put into effect, warned in the extracts from the book now appearing in the "Telegraph" that a war of attrition or stalemate would be fatal for Germany. In almost uncanny fashion, Hitler has successfully carried out the strategy evolved by Bansse for invasion of Poland, Norway, Denmark, and Holland. But Bansse's plan failed in Belgium. It did not take into account the extent of Belgian resistance, something that was also instrumental in the failure of the Schlieffen plan, upon which the invasion of Belgium and France in 1914 was based.

Which is just another way of saying

THUMBS UP

Germany, Russia and Italy are a trinity of totalitarian states, but they are not a trinity in unity.

There are those who are shocked when it is suggested that the similarity between Communism and Nazism is so striking that they are almost indistinguishable.

Lovers of Russia are haters of Germany, while admirers of Mussolini can see nothing in common between him and his rival—Stalin, except that each is the idol of his people.

There is no doubt that Germany, Russia and Italy have much in common, but they also are bitter rivals in many respects. Russia and Germany are neighbours and each covets the territory which lies on its borders. The Balkans and the Baltic are where German and Russian interests clash, and it is impossible to believe that those two countries will ever really come to terms. The traditional antagonism is as great and unbridgeable as that between France and Germany.

IT is not so much the ideological differences that separate these peoples, it is something more elemental—the demand for Lebensraum.

Germany wants the Ukraine, where wheat grows so abundantly, and she also wants control over Rumania, where oil flows so freely, but in addition to these ambitions, Germany wishes to control the Baltic in which Russia has once more asserted her power to the detriment of Germany.

The enforced withdrawal of the old wealthy German families from Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, was a very severe blow to German prestige.

It exposed her weakness as it revealed Russia's strength, or, at least, her superior bargaining power.

Obviously Germany resented this and could not, except temporarily, accept this proof of her inferiority. It was Russia's advance in the Baltic and her conquest over Finland that forced Germany to advance up the other arm of the Baltic.

Now all these moves are clear and strategic, but the moral price that Germany has paid for her advance up the Baltic is one that can never be recovered.

The United States which can be regarded as a detached onlooker, comprising within herself as she does all the representative nations of Europe, has not hidden her opinion of this last act of violence. Germany's betrayal of the Baltic States stands out in her eyes in marked contrast with the refusal of the Axis to be a party to such a plan with Russia.

GERMANY'S invasion of Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium still further emphasizes the depths to which German methods have sunk so that it is impossible to find in any neutral country a reputable apologist for Hitler and his government.

The Germans seem to have succeeded in forfeiting the respect of every neutral state except Italy, whose position is now so difficult, that she does not know where to turn or what to do.

Gradually Germany is retreating from Russia, just as Russia is naturally growing more suspicious of Germany. To remove the menace to Leningrad from Finland

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Something wonderful happened to-day, dear!—I baked my first pie and it was stolen right off the window sill!"

Weekly Commentary By "The Scrutineer"

DISUNITED TRINITY

the insignificant, peaceful state, by force of war, and to find the threat increased tenfold from Copenhagen under German rule is not what Russia wanted.

Germany, however, thought the war in Finland showed that the Russian Giant had feet of clay and could from a military point of view be treated with the same contempt or indifference as in 1914. Germany then hopes that Russia will fulfil the duty allotted to her of supplying oil and such things, but she does not want her military assistance, as it might embarrass her. If Russia can be cajoled now into being a docile economic partner, then Italy might be courted because she has a fleet and an air arm, is nearer to the Allies, can inflict much damage on them in the Mediterranean, and is likely to prove an asset rather than a liability.

IF Mussolini falls into that trap, he will prove to be the most foolish of the dictators. His success will now look like that of the others has been gained by threats and by victories over weak and helpless opponents, in Abyssinia and Albania.

Mussolini has done very well out of the axis, but here is every reason why he should remain satisfied with his achievements rather than jeopardise them by engaging in war with the Allies.

Unlike Germany, Italy has an overseas Empire, in which she has great pride. It consists of Libya, Ethiopia, Somaliland and the Dodecanese islands in the Aegean. It is not possible to believe that she can retain these in face of the overwhelming Allied naval forces in the Mediterranean, which sweep from Australia and other parts in Palestine and Egypt. Modern naval battles depend to a certain extent on the spirit of the forces and not only on the weight of armament, but he who has ever suggested that the British Navy has lost its daring

or its skill. The battle in the River Plate certainly proves the contrary. Italy is definitely inferior to the Allies in both categories. But it will be said Italy has an air force and it is because Mussolini is convinced that the air arm is to play a decisive role in this war, that he feels inclined to take the plunge. He is not likely to find the Allied forces deficient in this respect, for the Empire air scheme is the process of turning out pilots and machines at a far greater pace and of a higher quality than Mussolini can hope to equal.

The great weakness, however, of Mussolini lies in his following. The Italian people have been whipped into an militant ecstasy during the past fifteen years. Abyssinia and Spain gave scope for the outlet of that enthusiasm. The former was a war of conquest, pure and simple, while the latter was, in the eyes of Italy, a sort of religious war against Communism.

In both cases the Church was able to bless the soldiers and the colours and send them off in good heart. Can the Church do the same in this present case?

ITALY has a strong historical sense which Mussolini has stimulated by his continual references to the Roman Empire. In that history Italy has little or no German emulations, but many a united Italy will cleave to the former and become the enemy in war of the latter. It was because there was a half-hearted mood among the Italian people in the last war that defeats and retreats were conspicuous from time to time. It is not likely that the heart of Italy will be in this war, for she is not threatened by the Allies.

If she joins in on the side of Germany, then one important route to Germany will be shut off, her colonies will be lost, her ships will become prizes of war, or will be scuttled, and as a nation she will be crippled.



MEMBERS of the Hongkong V.D.C. Nursing Detachment drawn up for inspection by their Honorary Commandant, Mrs. A. E. Grasett. The inspection took place last week.



BRIDE:—Charming study of Miss Iris Woolley taken after her marriage last week to Mr. D. Joyce. The ceremony was held at St. Andrew's Church and attended by a large number of friends. — Ming Yuen.



ACTRESS:—Miss Chen Yun-shang, the famous Chinese film actress, who, three months ago, was requested to come back to Hongkong to star in a Chinese talking picture, left for Shanghai last week to start production on another picture there. Here Miss Chen is seen waving farewell to friends at the entrance of the Kowloon wharves. — S. Z. Ding.



LOVELY LITTLE Mary White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. White, caught by the camera in a happy mood after the wedding last week between Mr. D. Joyce and Miss Iris Woolley. — Ming Yuen.

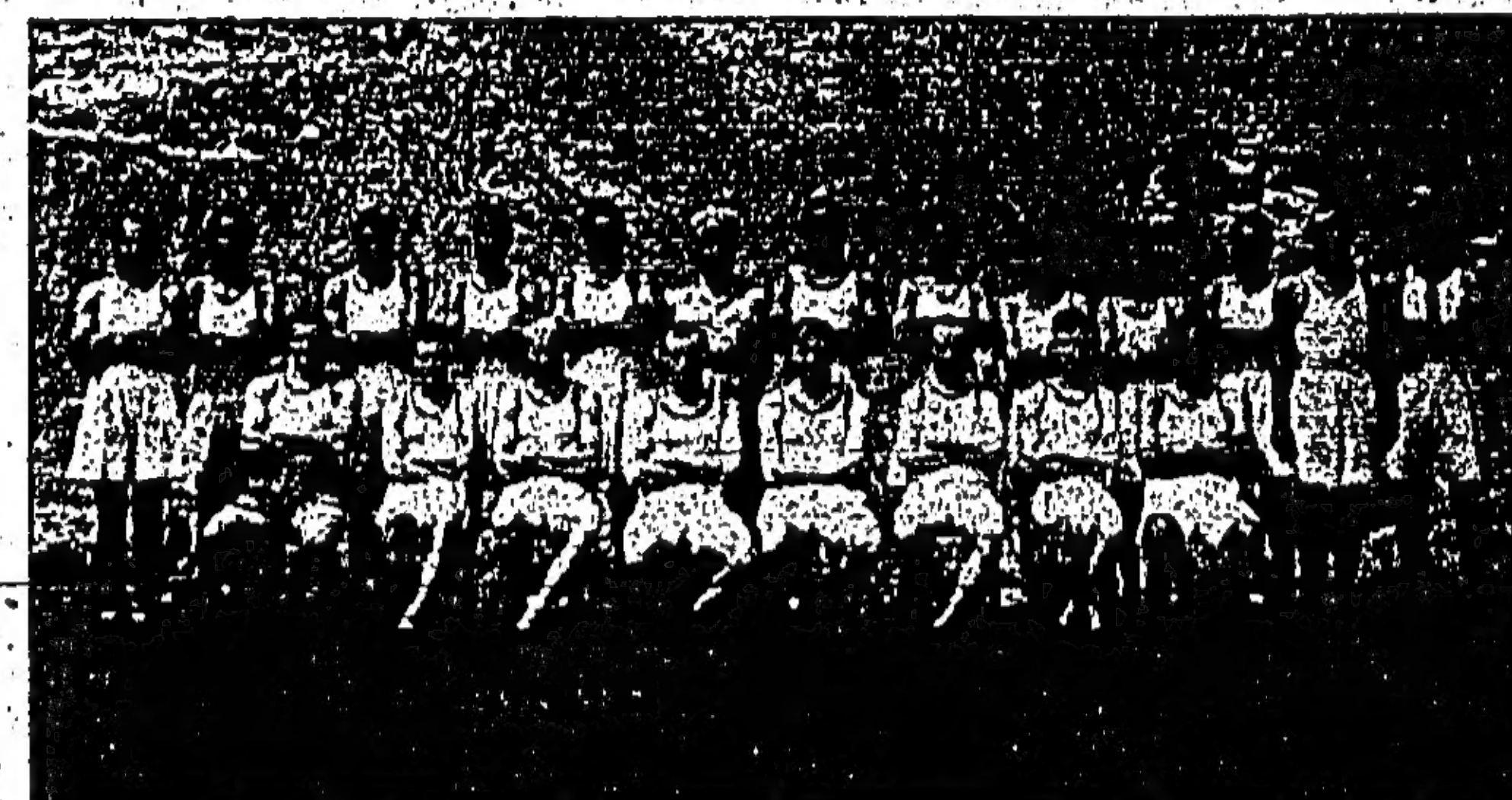


MILITARY WEDDING:—Fellow N.C.O.s formed an archway of military swagger canes for Cpl. D. L. S. Norcott of the Middlesex Regiment, and his bride, Miss C. P. Hunt, when they emerged from St. Teresa's Church last Saturday after their wedding. — Ming Yuen.



WEDDING:—Mr. and Mrs. D. Keating (nee Miss M. Baker), photographed with friends outside of St. Andrew's Church after their wedding last week. — Ming Yuen.

CHAMPIONS: Here we see the 8th Heavy Battery Regiment athletic team, which, under Lieut. P. T. J. Skipworth, won chief honours in the recent Hongkong Area sports meetings. — Kahn.



ONE OF THE several dinner parties at the American Club last week, who attended a preview of the Warners film "Fighting 69th." In the party are Mr. Brownly, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Crome, and Mr. and Mrs. Richmond. — Ming Yuen.

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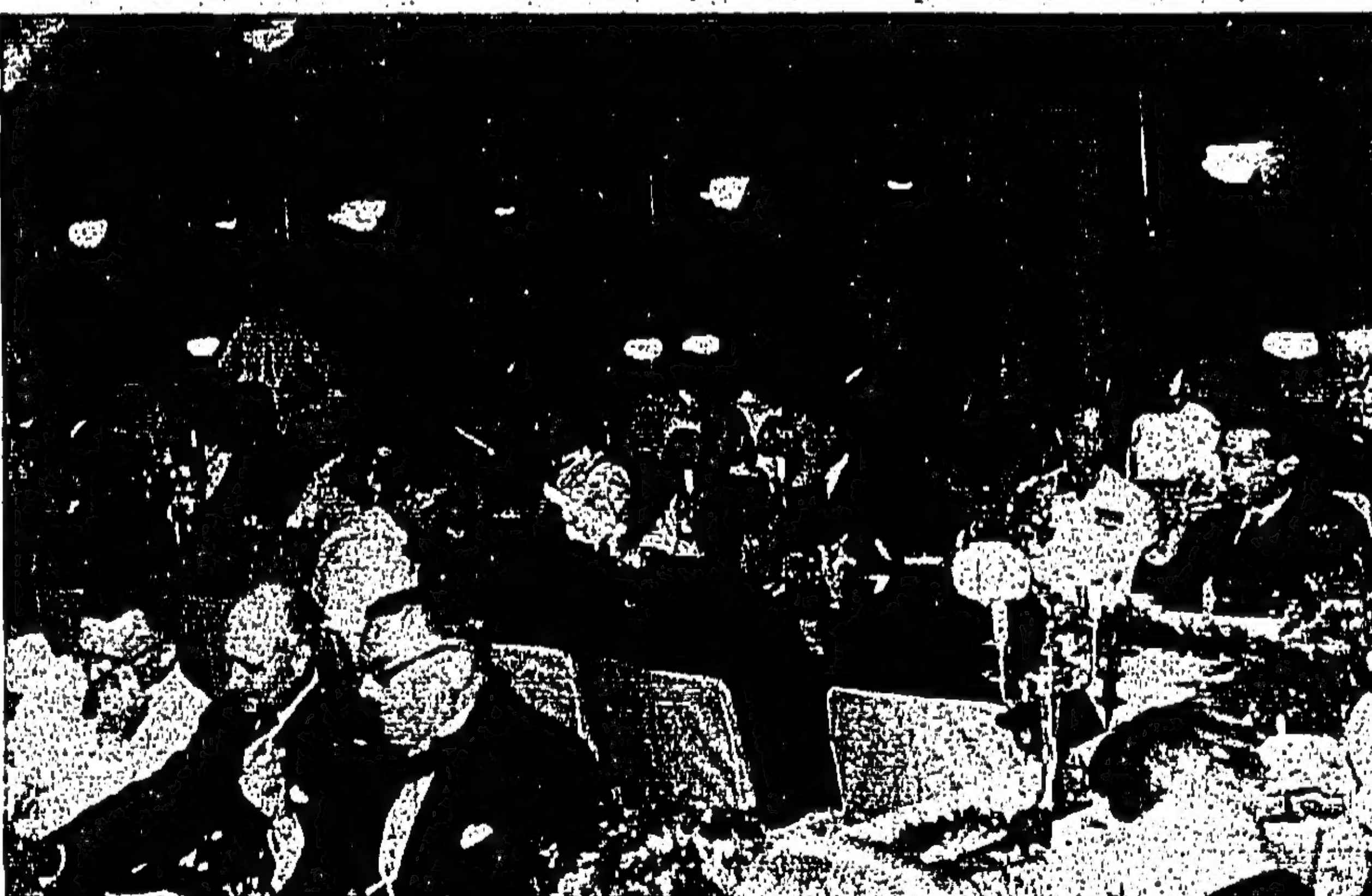
BRIDAL PARTY:—Here is the bridal party photographed after the wedding last week at St. Teresa's Church of Cpl. D. L. S. Norcott of the Middlesex Regiment and Miss C. F. Hunt. —Ming Yuen.



FILM PREVIEW:—A section of the large attendance at the American Club last week for a special preview of the film "The Fighting 69th." The company is clearly enjoying themselves. —Ming Yuen.



HOCKEY CHAMPIONS:—Once again the Radio Sports Club are champions of the Hongkong Hockey Association league, for the season just ended. Here is the team which brought honours to the club. —Ming Yuen.

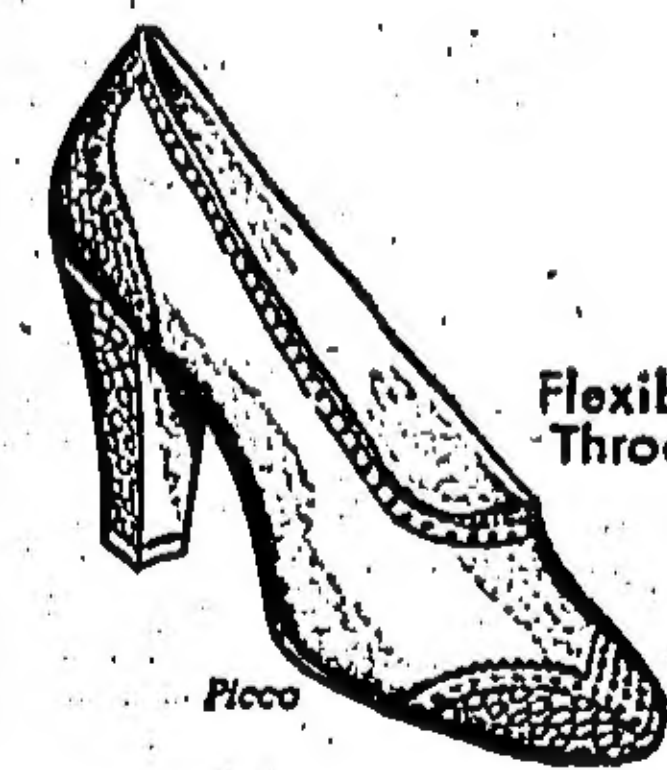


NAVAL VOLUNTEERS DINE:—Two flashlight studies taken during the recent annual dinner of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Band. The function was held in the Hongkong Hotel and was featured by several important speeches. —Ming Yuen.



NURSING VOLUNTEER:—This study of Mrs. Yale, wife of Lieut.-Col. J. C. L. Yale, was taken at the recent inspection of the Hongkong V.D.C. Nursing Detachment by Mrs. A. E. Gragell. Mrs. Yale is one of the leading members of the Nursing Detachment. —Kahn.

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How to Keep Cool When the Heat Waves



The editor must have a very poor opinion of our readers. "Write about heat waves," he said. "They're in the fashion now." He talks like that.

"WHAT the devil can I write about heat waves?" I asked.

"Oh—er—just heat waves and all that. Anyhow, get on with it."

Ah, well... heat waves (time off to walk up and down the floor a bit).

The history of heat waves goes very far back and traces of mummified heat waves have been found in Egyptian tombs. No. That's no good.

It has been noticed that the incidence of heat waves or periods of intense heat occur mostly during the summer equinox (now we're off in northern latitudes).

In the temperate zone, heat waves do not occur. That's why people remain temperate in those zones.

Some people, of course, own their own zones. (If you say "own their own zones" two hundred times, you go sound asleep. Try it!)

They can turn a temperate zone into a hot one by carrying a bottle on the hip—or by having a well-stocked ice-chest.

Personally, I am not averse to heat waves. I have a natural propensity for heat, cool drinks and general exhalation, and during heat waves this goes unnoticed.

In cool weather when everybody is hurrying about the place doing things, they point at me and say, "Look at that lazy brute!"

It is quite natural to show signs of fatigue on a hot day, but somehow my boss doesn't seem to understand. If I'm doing a bit of

fatiguing with my feet up on the desk and a cushion at the back of my neck he starts asking me what do I think he's paying me for.

How the devil do I know? Fancy asking a man a difficult question like that when he's half asleep.

Heat waves can be treated in various ways. Personally, I find that lying on the floor of the bathroom watching the shower pour is fairly soothing. Walking about the house in your pyjama pants and singlet is barred at our place.

That's why I'd like to stay at a boarding-house run by a broad-minded landlady. Most of the landladies I've stayed with have been broad, but not in the mind.

I seem to have slid off the subject of heat waves. I get chattering away—you know how it is. HEAT WAVES!

The heat wave is frequently responsible for sunstroke, prickly heat, rashes and hot rhythm. They were invented by a Phoenician ice-cream vendor in the year 859 B.C.—strangely enough.

Mysterious Origin

SINCE writing that bit about "strangely enough" I have been called to the phone and I have forgotten what it was about. I'll skip it if you don't mind.

About these heat waves, and to blues with them, where they be-

long! They are caused by solar reaction on the upper substratum which generates nebulous "cross currents at the zenith and all points west.

These is no known cure for them although I have discovered a palliative which is a simple preparation of orange juice, crushed ice and gin.

I regret to say that my distinguished relative has been thrown out of Germany for asking Doctor Goebbels for a couple of pfennigs

for the upkeep of the Jewish Chess Club in Palestine.

It was rash of him, but we all get a rash of some kind at some time or other.

Getting back to this heat wave business again, I have found a way of enjoying it.

You just go and sit in the hottest place you can find. When you are two degrees from total collapse, eat a cucumber.

I did this and finished up in a lovely air-conditioned hospital with ice-packs on me. It was glorious.

This is pay day for me. My programme on this day is—

- (1) Dodge the wife.
- (2) Plate of cold asparagus.
- (3) Pint of cold lager.
- (4) Take collar off.
- (5) Take shoes and coat off.
- (6) Put forehead in wash basin.

Remember, there is one final hope. If many visits to the bar still leave you feeling hot, you can assure yourself of a cool reception at home.

I am now going home—devotely.

FLIMSIES AND THINGS!



HONGKONG
UNTIL 1841 Hongkong was a group of desolate islands and peninsulas, occupied by a few fisherfolk and many pirates. Then the British took over the territory. To-day it is one of the world's greatest ports—the main trade gateway to China. Commerce, which is the main spring of its growth, inspires the historical chat of arms.

The way to a lovely body
I have a hunch," moaned Betty Bead.
That Spring is in the air.
Yet I feel ill—I do indeed.
Sluggish and full of care.
For Life I do not give a pin
Whatever shall I do?
When summer is leaven in
How loudly sing cuckoo?"

"Winter, my dear," said Miss D. Cooke.
"Has made your blood run slow.
Given your eyes that dullish look
And made you feel quite low.
Get well the 'exercising way'
(To grumble is no use).
To clear your blood drink twice a day.
A glass of orange juice."

EXERCISE
Take a light "skip jump" on the toes and swing both arms back (1), hop high on left foot, bending right knee up and swinging right arm forward upward (2), repeat the "skip jump" (3), hop high on right foot, left knee and left arm up (4).

Do the exercise with bare feet or wear flat shoes, and repeat it eight times. Think of a jolly tune while you hop, two beats to each movement. If you think you need an exercise for your special body, better write to Dorothy Cooke, "Daily Mirror," Feller-lane, E.C.4, and enclose stamped addressed envelope.

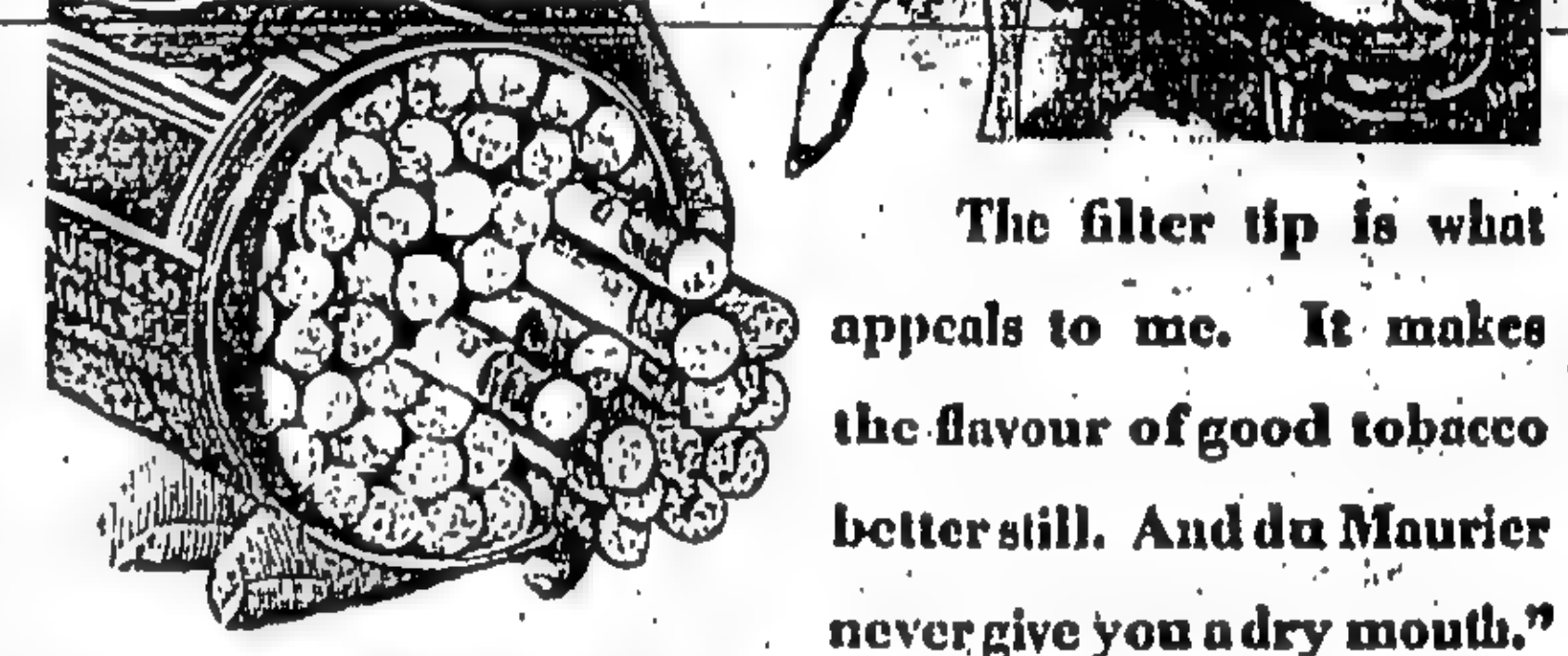
'TEASERS' ANSWERS
HERE are the answers to the Teasers in Column Two.
1. The Chocolate Soldier. 2. Insects. 3. Trinity House. 4. No. 12. 5. A popular song of the 17th Century. 6. The Nursery of Lathbury. 7. South. 8. (a) Nursing Auxiliary Service. (b) River Emergency Service. (c) Entertainment National Services Association. (d) Fleet Air Arm. 9. George Formby as a jockey in "Come On, George." 10. Lancashire and Cheshire. 11. Lancashire and Cheshire. 12. The Nursery of Lathbury. 13. South.

"It's a good thing"



she said "you're not like my brother. He never makes friends with people."

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BRIDGE PROBLEM

No. 3

Hearts are trumps. South leads and North-South must win all five tricks. Solution next week.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 2

South wins with ace of spades and follows with nine of trumps (hearts), which North overtakes with ten. North returns spade nine which East wins with king and leads small club with South wins with ace. South wins with spade queen. North discarding a club. South follows with small trump and North ruffs West's king with trump jack. North leads queen and three of trumps, the second of which is won by East who has to lead clubs and South with jack 9 of clubs.

If, at trick one, East throws his king under the ace of spades, South follows with queen and seven of spades the last of which West North discarding a club. West may (a) win with jack of diamonds and follow with trump six which North will win with queen and follow with jack ten and three of trumps and West will be squeezed so that he must throw either his master diamond or unguard his club king, and North-South will win the last two tricks. If, at trick four, West (b) leads his trump immediately instead of diamond, Jack. North will win with ten, play his club to South's ace, ruff the return club with jack lead queen and three of trumps and the last two tricks will fall to South's clubs as in first solution.

'Ribbentrop As Purge Victim'

NEW YORK.

A prediction that "1940 will bring purges in Germany, and that Von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, will be one of the 'casualties,'" is made by Dorothy Thompson in the New York Herald Tribune.

She also foresees that the "National Socialist regime will encounter the strongest opposition from the women and farmers during 1940."

Dealing with the Allies' control of the seas, the New York Times writes: "There are good technical reasons for doubting whether Germany will accomplish anything with the 160-ton submarines which she is about to build."

"They would just about reach the lanes of Transatlantic traffic in mid-ocean when they would have to refuel. The harbours and estuaries of the British Isles are now so well mined, and the convoy system so effective, that not much can be expected from the activities in waters nearer home."—Reuter.

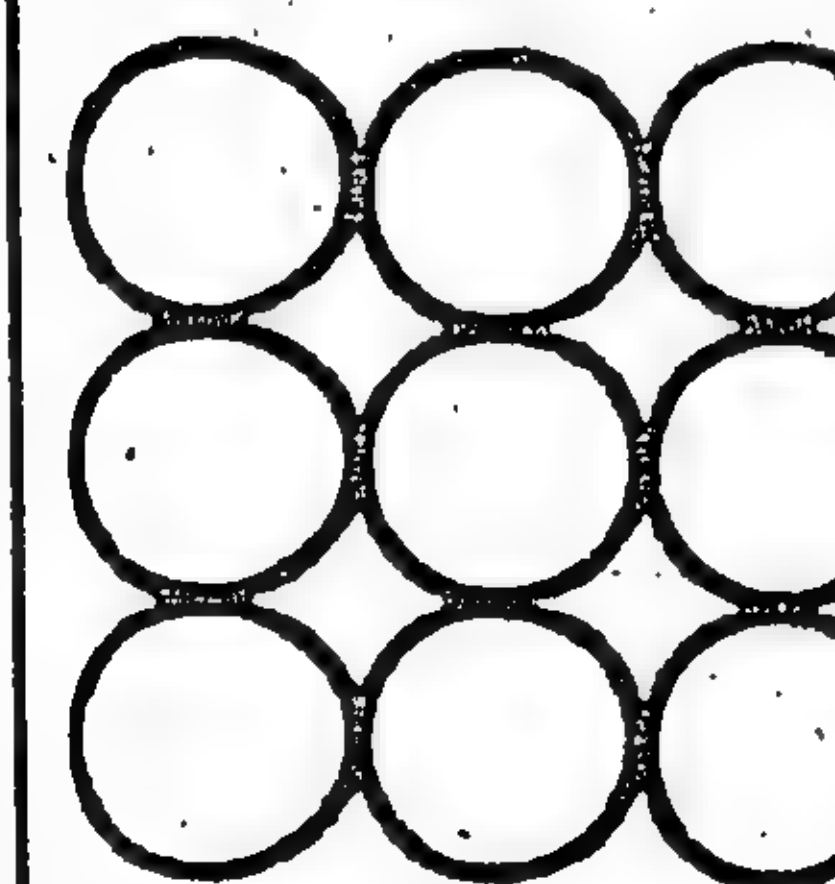
Brain-teasers

Here is the answer to last week's No. 1 Teaser.

1. Here are nine circles, three red, three white, and three blue.

They are arranged so that each red circle touches a white, each white touches a blue, and each blue touches a red.

Just mark them off according to their colours. The answer will appear next week.



YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING TEASERS ON PAGES 4 & 5.

2. What was the name of the famous musical comedy that was adapted from Bernard Shaw's play, "Arms and the Man?"

3. A lepidopterist is a student of (a) flowers, (b) insects, (c) fish, (d) foreign languages, (e) the Old Testament.

4. What is the name of the organisation that controls England's lighthouses?

5. Is it true to say that Browning wrote the poem "How They Brought The Good News From Aix To Ghent?"

6. "Lillibullero" is the name of (a) A famous Italian pirate, (b) A town in Ireland, (c) Country name for a potent vegetable wine, (d) Popular song of the 17th Century.

7. Who succeeded Sir Ronald Lindsay last year as our Ambassador to the U.S.?

8. Which of the following holds the greatest amount of liquid—a kilderkin or a puncheon?

9. What services do the following abbreviations stand for (a) N.A.S., (b) R.E.S., (c) E.N.S.A., (d) E.A.A.

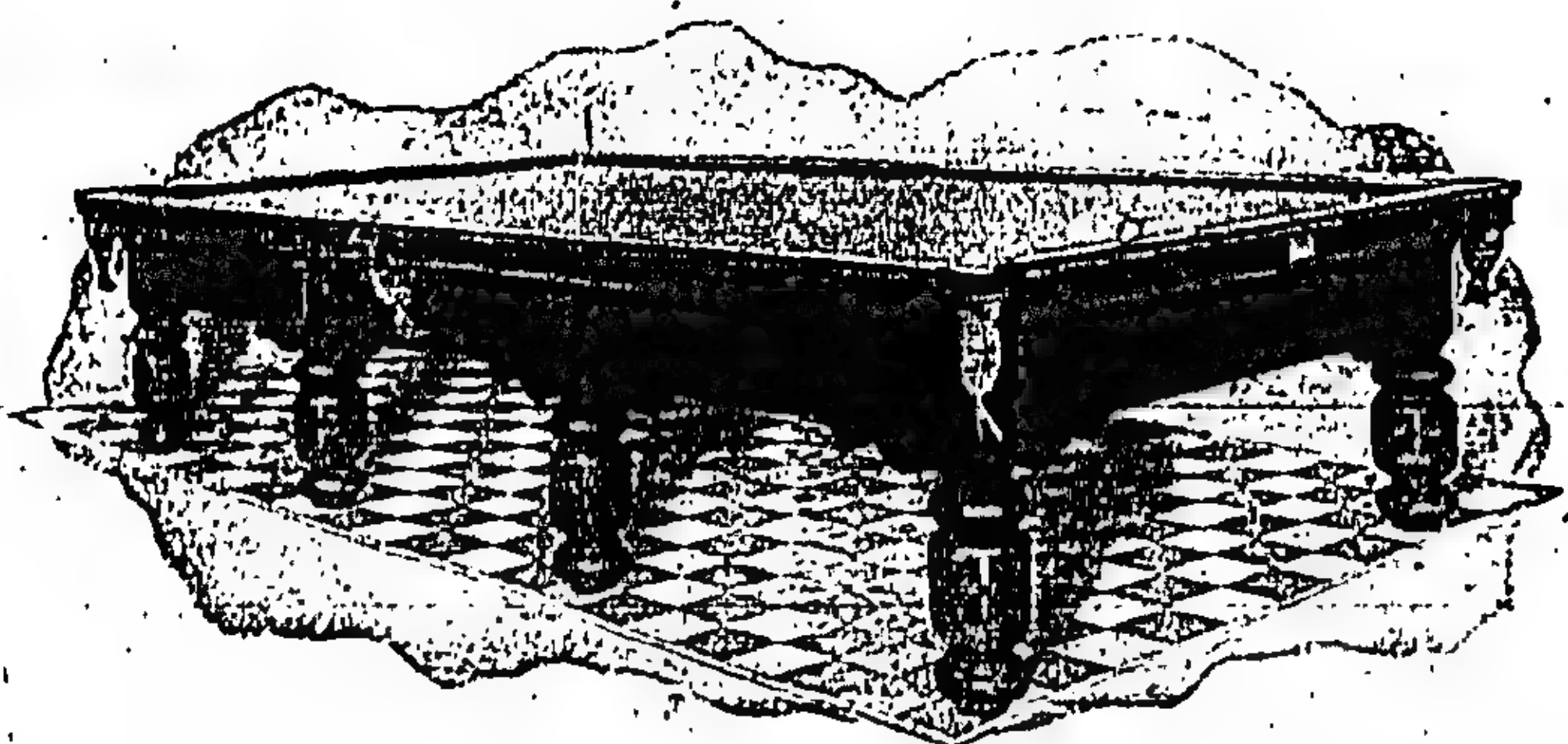
10. What famous British comedian played his original profession in a recent film?

11. Out of the 52 counties in England and Wales, which two combined are known as the "County Palatine"?

12. Is Holmby in the north or the south of Denmark?

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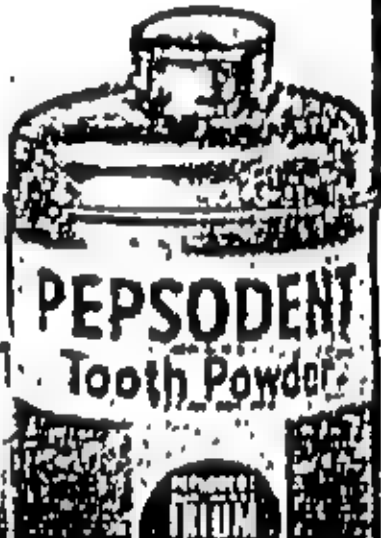
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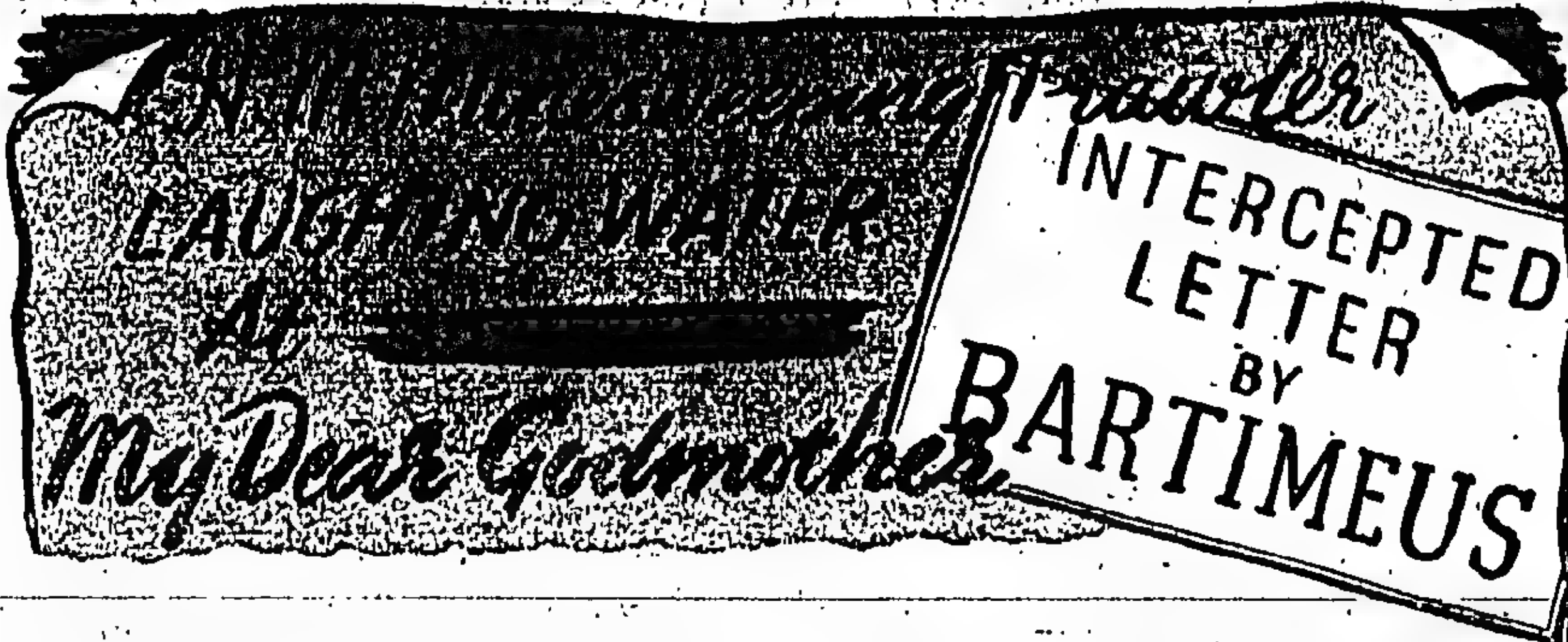


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I TAKE up my pen, though it's not a very handy one, to write and thank you from the crew and myself for the parcels.

They all came safely to hand, the cakes and the cigarettes and the long stockings are just fine, and the wee mittens and the woolen helmets are fine, too, and the sweets.

I haven't sucked a stick of barley sugar this forty-years and they taste fine. I haven't had a god-mother this forty-years either till you wrote from London to say you

had adopted us. I was never in London.

Well, you'll be about the age of my daughter, no doubt, but I'm glad to have you for a godmother, for there's not many men of my age have such a thing.

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YOU write and ask me to tell you what we are doing all day. I'll tell you. Just sweeping for mines. And the way we do it is this. We have a float on a wire and a kite that keeps the float out on our quarter and a weight on the wire to keep it well down near the bot-

We steam along then till the wire catches in the mooring of a mine and it cuts it. Then up comes the mine to the surface and we have a bit of fun sinking it with the Lewis gun and rifles.

Well, no so handy with the rifle myself, but my gunner he's an old Navy man. Retired, of course, but a right proper Deadshot Dick with that gun of his.

Did you ever read a book called "Deadshot Dick," missie? I mind reading it when I was a lad. That and the "Upland's Progress," another fine book.

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WHILES it's cold, of course. But I've fished these waters and off Iceland and the Faroes for thirty years; times you couldn't touch a bit of iron or the flesh stuck to it with the cold. And no lassie sent us barley sugar in those days. Saltwater sores we got, but no barley sugar.

But I was telling you about the mines. There's two kinds, the moored and the magnetic, and they sit on the bottom till you pass over them and then they go. So we tow a magnet between two trawlers and hope that will pass over the mine instead of the Laughing Water.

The other kind—the ones that come to the surface when the sweep wire cuts their mooring—have horns. And if you bump one of these horns, up you go.

So when we are shooting at them to sink them we don't go too near in case the bullet strikes a horn and the mine explodes. I've known it happen, and we got a nice lot of fish stunned by the explosion.

One day we were stern of another trawler sweeping ahead of us, and her sweep wire cut a mine mooring very near through but not quite. There was, maybe, one strand that didn't part for a few seconds. And then it parted and up she came like the horned beast that you'll have read about in the Scriptures, right in our path.

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IT was so close I dare not alter the helm, for it would have swung us round into her. I just did nothing, and I said to myself, "Angus, lad, this is the end," and I heard her bump along against the bows, but by the mercy of Providence we didn't touch a horn, and I gave the ship a wee bit of helm to swing the stern away, and we cleared it and we breathed deep.

I had all hands up with the rifles, and I said, "Now, lads, for a bit of fancy shooting." I was mad with that mine. It was bobbing about on top of the waves and we settled down to sink it before dark.

Well, the devil himself was in that mine, missie, excuse me for mentioning it. But even Deadshot Dick couldn't sink it, and the cook put a bullet through the gun-wale of the dinghy. So I clouted his head and sent him back to the galley, and I said to Dick, the gunner, "Let me have that Lewis gun."

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IT was getting dusk and I wanted to get back to the base. Well, I was filled with righteous anger against that mine and I sent half a tray of bullets into it while it was on top of a wave.

I've never hit a haystack before or since. We watched it sink and disappear, and I said the sword of the Lord and of Gideon, and I told Dick to take the gun away and clean it.

I'll be turning in now, miss.

Your obedient servant,

Angus McNeill

SKIPPER, R.N.R.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY
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AN AIR-MAIL LETTER FROM ENGLAND

By KATHLEEN GREENE, O.B.E.

London, May 1.

I AM writing to you from Small-town. Every Smalltown in Britain is, to its inhabitants, one of the key positions of the Home Front.

If a parachute were to drop you to-day in the Smalltown that you remember best, I expect you would find it very much like this one. As you walked along the streets you would see that almost every house had some notice at its door: "A.R.P." "Hospital Supply Depot"; "Warden's Post"; "A.R.P." again. A.R.P. (we practise economy in words) means, of course, Air Raid Precautions. In the eighth month of war we feel that it means also "All Ready; Prepared."

The stiffening element in A.R.P. is given by the officer pensioners of Navy, Army, Air Force and home and overseas civil services; too old to go back to their former work, filled with energy that in normal times would spend itself on local administration, and the golf links.

In that remote period "before the Munich crisis" the organisation was a bit ragged. Eighteen months of intensive work, the last six months done by the light of blazing towns in Europe has pulled us all together.

For we are all in it in some capacity—as wardens, ambulance drivers, members of first aid parties, firemen... If we are too old for active work we can house a fire pump in the wood shed, or provide to comfort the Neighbourhood dog, if Mr. and Mrs. Neighbour should be called out, one to his gas decontamination squad, the other to drive sitting cases to hospital in her car. Mrs. Neighbour will, I think, be bitterly disappointed if no night alarm gives her a chance of wearing the "siren suit" that lies beside her bed, and that can, according to the maker's promise, be put on in one movement to the sound of the warning hooter.

Each A.R.P. District has its Control Headquarters, housed generally in some public hall. Here a watch is kept by Air Raid Wardens all through the twenty-four hours. The telephones, by which news of a raid is received and spread, are continually manned.

IN actual fact these telephones are generally "womanned". A brilliant moon took me for a walk the other night before the nine o'clock news on the radio. Mrs. Pleasant—both her sons are following the trade of their father who was killed at Jutland—was coming down the street with thermos flask and knitting, on her way to her weekly night on duty at the telephone.

"Who'd have believed" she said, "that a Granny like me could help to win a war by spending a night with Colonel Oldsolder—and the girl from Slipper's Library to make it respectable!—in the Conservative Men's Club!"

Police and Air Raid Wardens are responsible for enforcing the "black-out". An unexpected door bell after dark sets the householder's conscience jumping! Our

Warden is a house painter, suspected of using a ladder on his inspection rounds.

Go down the streets of Smalltown now and you'll see never a glimmer. We've paid a big price for our darkness. Some cars must be about the roads at night; so must some people. The trouble happens when they meet.

"Summer time" with snow on the ground was rather a mockery. But that hour of daylight at the end instead of the beginning of the day is bringing down the accident rate. Are you old enough to remember the fuss people made about altering the hands of the clock when Willett's New Time was first made law in the last war?

OUTSIDE the network of A.R.P. are the Home Defences. Up and down the whole country, on windswept moors and downs, in waterlogged meadows, at the edges of cliffs, are the men of the Anti-Aircraft Command. The six months that we have spent in Smalltown, learning First Aid and looking after other people's children—have been spent by these men on duty. Day after day, night after night, they have been watching, listening, waiting for the enemy that few of them have so far seen.

The weather has been the great secret of the war. It can be whispered now that it has been the worst weather than anyone living can remember. Sales in the autumn, when the flimsy tents that lodged the Anti-Aircraft men were blown right off the ground. Temperatures below zero. Snow so deep that no one could get into or out of the camps, where the last crumb had been eaten before a way could be dug for the next rations to come through.

THE little huts that replaced the tents are not luxurious. In a space of less than twenty four feet the ten men of a post have to sleep, eat, keep all their gear. An oil stove gives them warmth; an oil lantern light. The nearest human habitation may be miles away. Leave is rare. To many town bred men the loneliness and silence of the country makes their lives as strange as if they were living in the Sahara.

By day the little camps are hidden, huts, men and guns merging into the heather or the grass. By night the searchlights can fill the sky till it looks like a medieval painter's vision of the Last Day. From a ridge of high ground above Smalltown, thirty... forty... fifty beams can be seen at once, sweeping round the horizon, rushing up the sky like a circle of giant's hoses spraying the stars with milk. Then, as a switch has been turned, they vanish. Smalltown people go home with the comfortable feeling that they are ringed round with guardian eyes.

ONE enemy has crept in upon us this Spring.

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And Britain's major preparations were completed with the opening of Singapore's giant graving dock (it can take the Hood, world's biggest warship).

The opening was a ceremonial affair signalling the finishing touch to this £20,000,000 fortress that cost British taxpayers £6 a head.

That particular piece of British showmanship was intended to notify any one concerned that Singapore was ready for action.

Singapore is the western point of Britain's Far East Defence Triangle. North-north-east of it is Hongkong; south-east of it is Port Darwin (Northern Australia).

SINGAPORE watches the broad defence problems of the whole area wherein lie British interests, territorial interests or vital shipping lanes. Hongkong therefore comes under its wing.

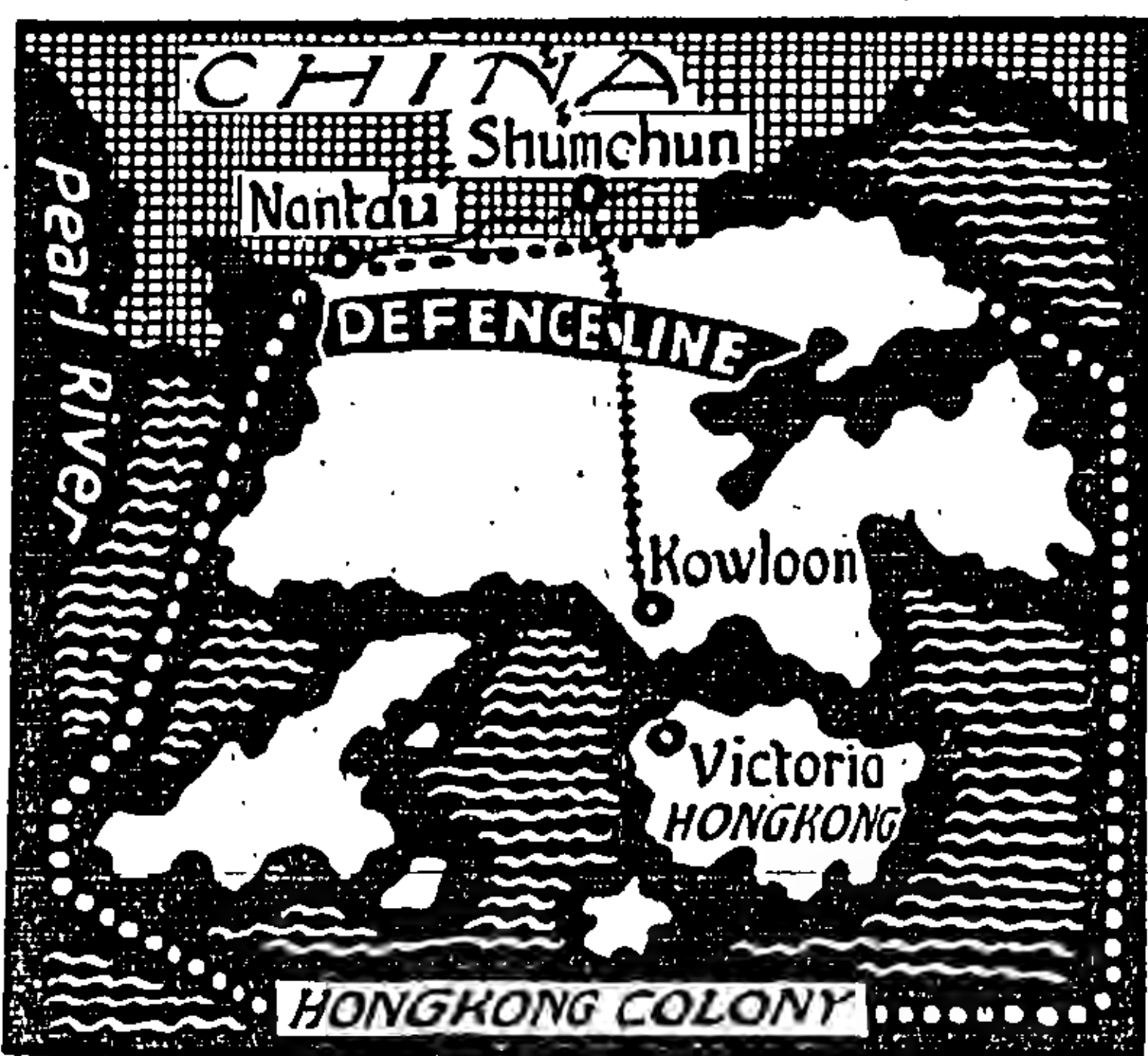
But Hongkong is itself a strong fortress, and in its turn takes responsibility for the protection of British possessions in Canton, Kweichow, Hankow, Shanghai, Chinkiang and Tientsin.

And Hongkong, too, is ready. It is as well able to defend itself as Gibraltar is.

Hongkong, which was a desolate island when ceded to Britain in 1841, has an area of thirty-two square miles. Further territory was added in 1898—the rocky peninsula of Kowloon and a number of other islands, making the total area 340 square miles. There is a mixed population of about 1,500,000.

It is important to remember that these 340 square miles are real

any one...



"As well able to defend itself as Gibraltar is."

British territory. They are an integral part of the Empire. Hongkong is a Crown Colony. Vastly different from the concessions in Tientsin or Shanghai or the International Settlement in Shanghai. As Britain's naval and commercial base in China, Hongkong is heavily

obsolete defences of a British fortress. He had a hand in supervising the repairs, and more recently, you may remember he straightened things out at Gibraltar.

Now the entrances to Hongkong's beautiful harbours are covered by powerful batteries and mines. No enemy warships could get in there—they would be sunk in the roads and become a boom against others.

The land front is fortified and manned, too. British and Indian regiments, reinforced by some 1,500 volunteers, are ready to man guns that range from 9.2 and 6-inch guns to mobile 25-pounders and 8-inch howitzers.

Concrete fortifications have been built here, and at the moment companies of the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment and the Royal Scots are in them.

The frontier is strengthened by three lines of natural barriers of hills (which also have been fortified). Machine guns could do a lot of damage to invaders there. Everything is on the side of the defenders. Everything that is, except possible numbers of combatants.

HONGKONG'S gravest danger would be from bombers. They appear to be the only real danger. To minimise this Hongkong's Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Sir Geoffrey Alexander, Stafford Northcote (who gets £7,000 a year, including £2,200 entertainment allowance), made a big thing out of A.R.P.

He metaphorically took a pick out of Ironside's hand, and the Regular Army units now are armed with the world's best anti-aircraft guns—3.7's.

What about food supplies in the event of a blockade?

Well, in the first place, Hongkong's stores carry food for the population for nine months. No luxuries, mind you.

In the second place, the Navy takes a hand. Old British seadogs have run blockades in "tramps" before to-day.

HONGKONG took its tin-hat off the wall round about October, 1939. The rumble of Japanese guns and bombs was heard that month. It came from the east—Bliss Bay, old pirate stronghold, where Japanese naval landing parties were forcing their way on to the mainland.

It has worn the tin helmet since. Hongkong is (or was) China's last sea outlet to the world. The Japanese in their battleships, destroyers and gun-boats watched ships sail into Hongkong through a

great part of the present war carrying munitions for the Chinese. It must have been pretty mortifying.

Now China has overland contacts with the rest of the world. Mainly from Russia and Burma.

Also, Hongkong is inimical to Japanese anti-foreign-influence (excluding Japanese, of course) in China. In this great British Colony all nationalities can meet on equal terms. None is favoured.

Hongkong is a citadel of Western civilisation in the Far East.

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"At the outbreak of war I was sent to look after the emergency service in a big hospital in Essex," one of the specialists said. "For weeks and months I had little to do, and the staff suffered from monotony."

But the Harley Street specialist, like the rest of his profession, is not wholly released from his war-time duties.

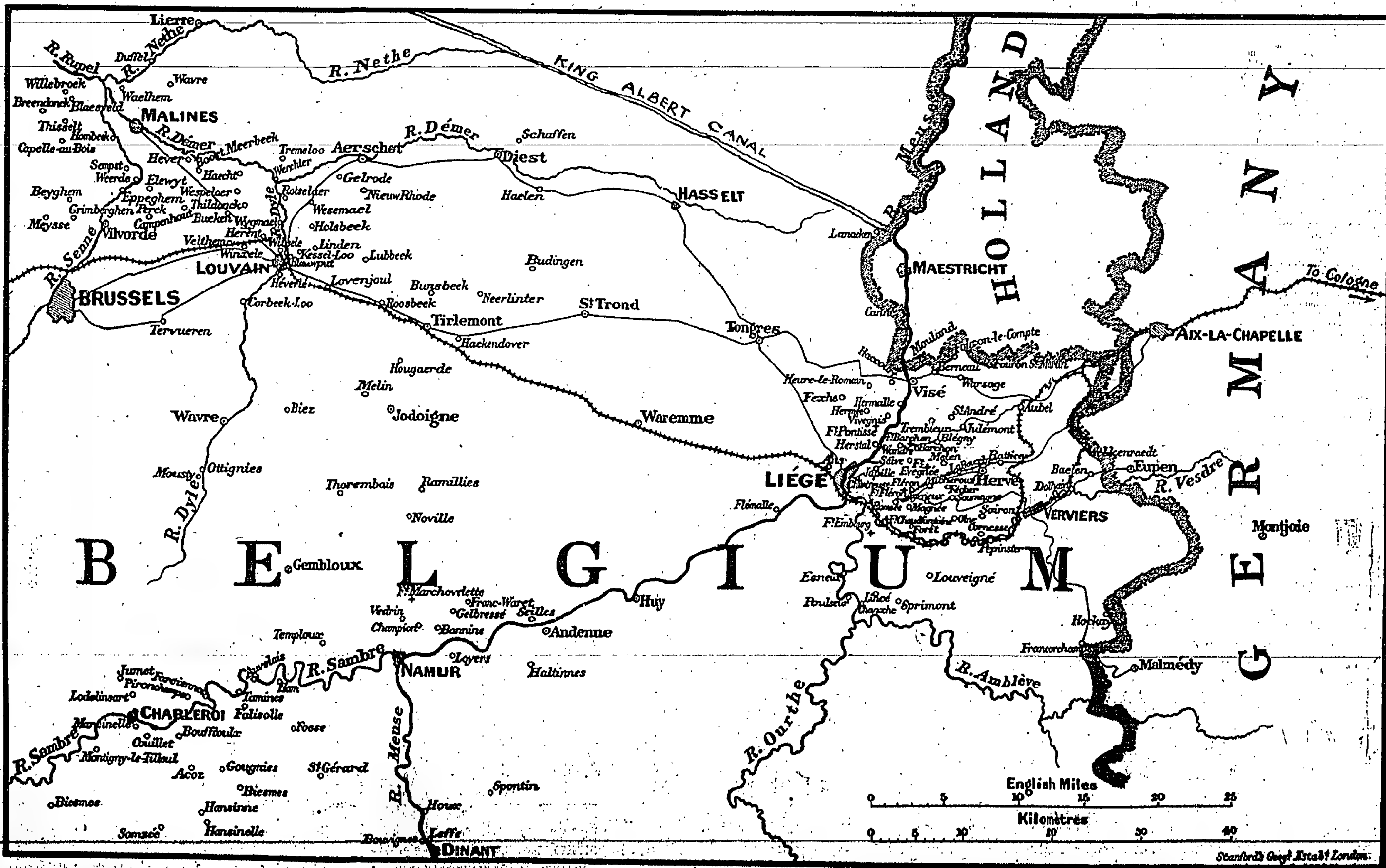
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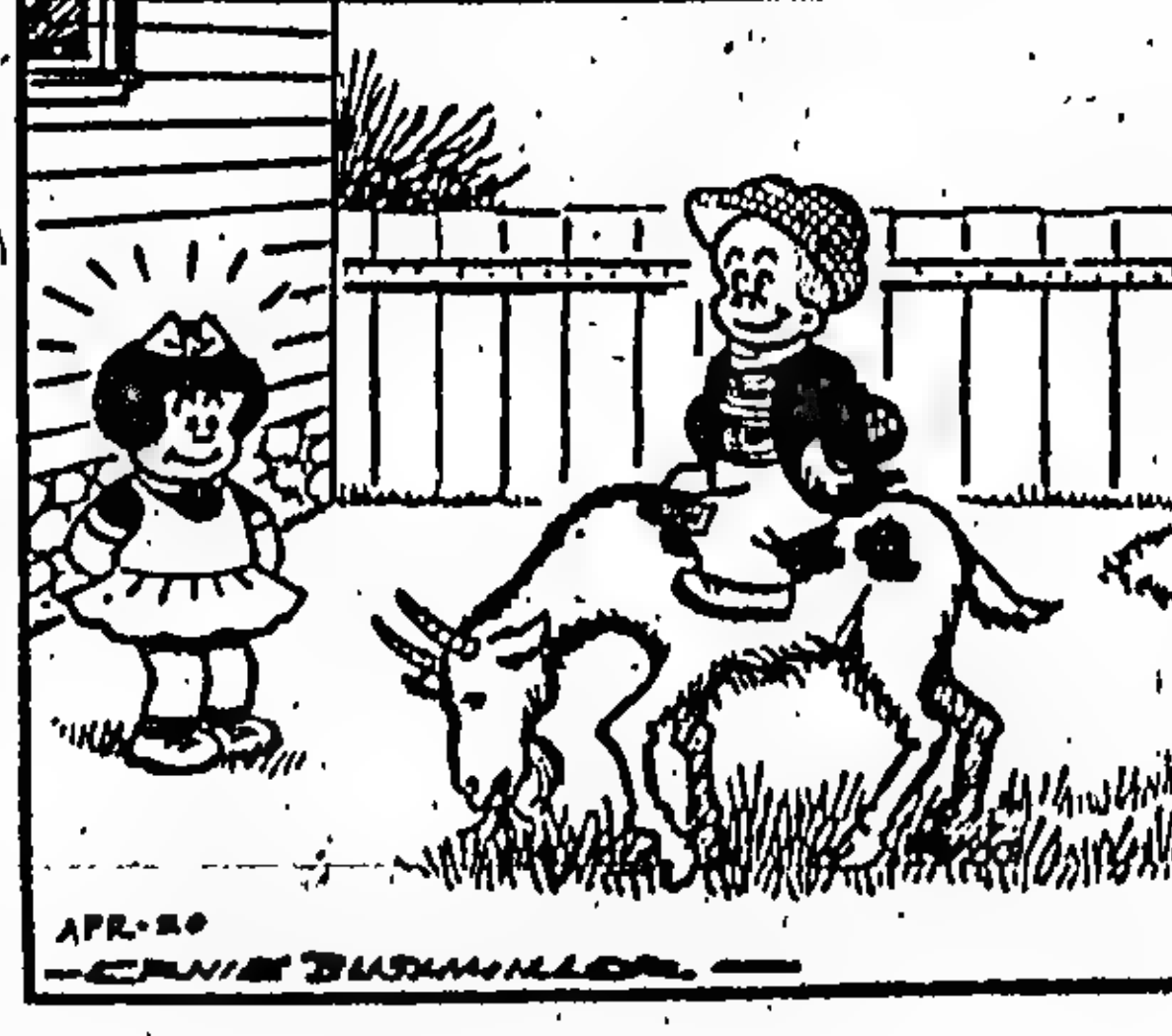
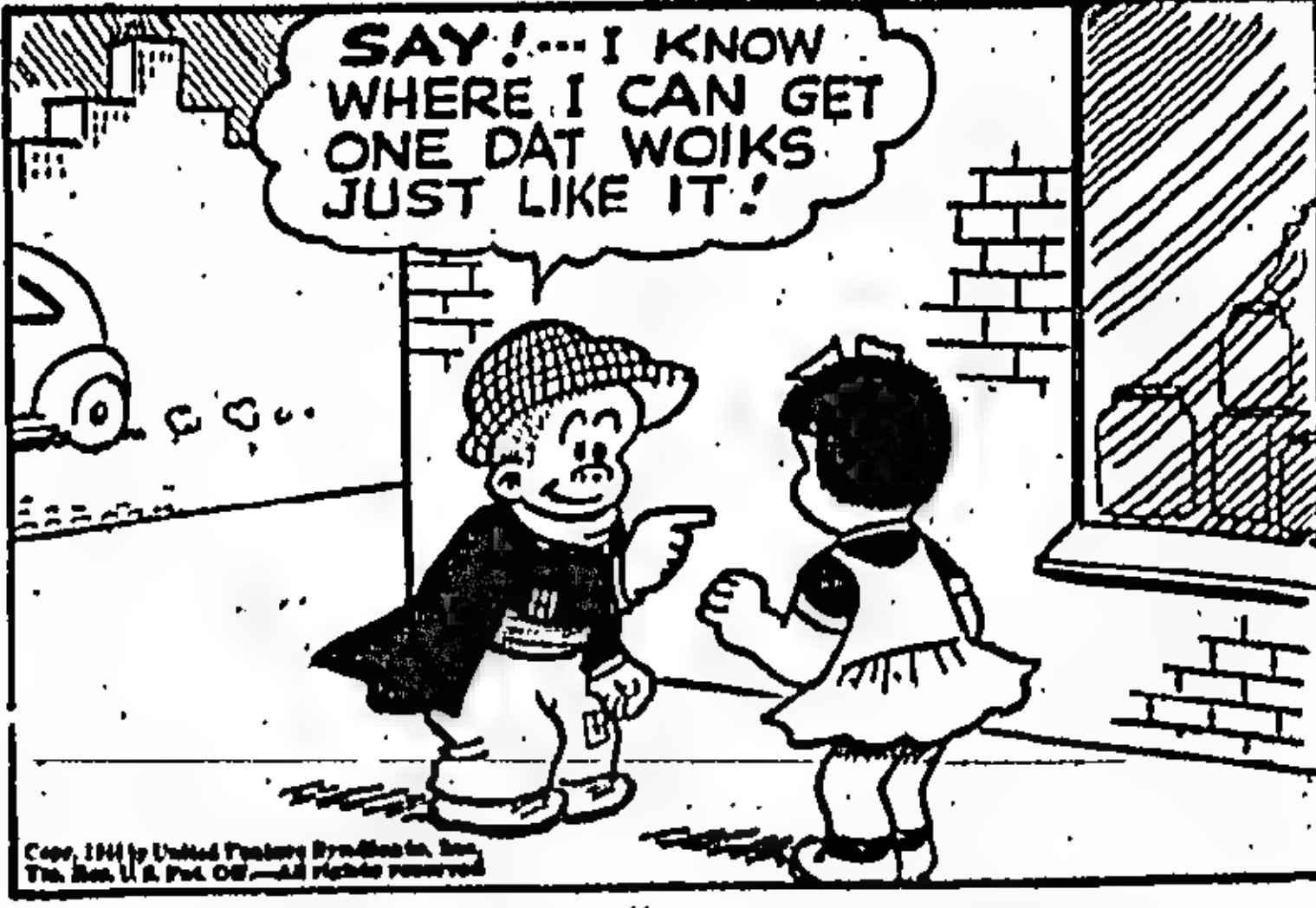
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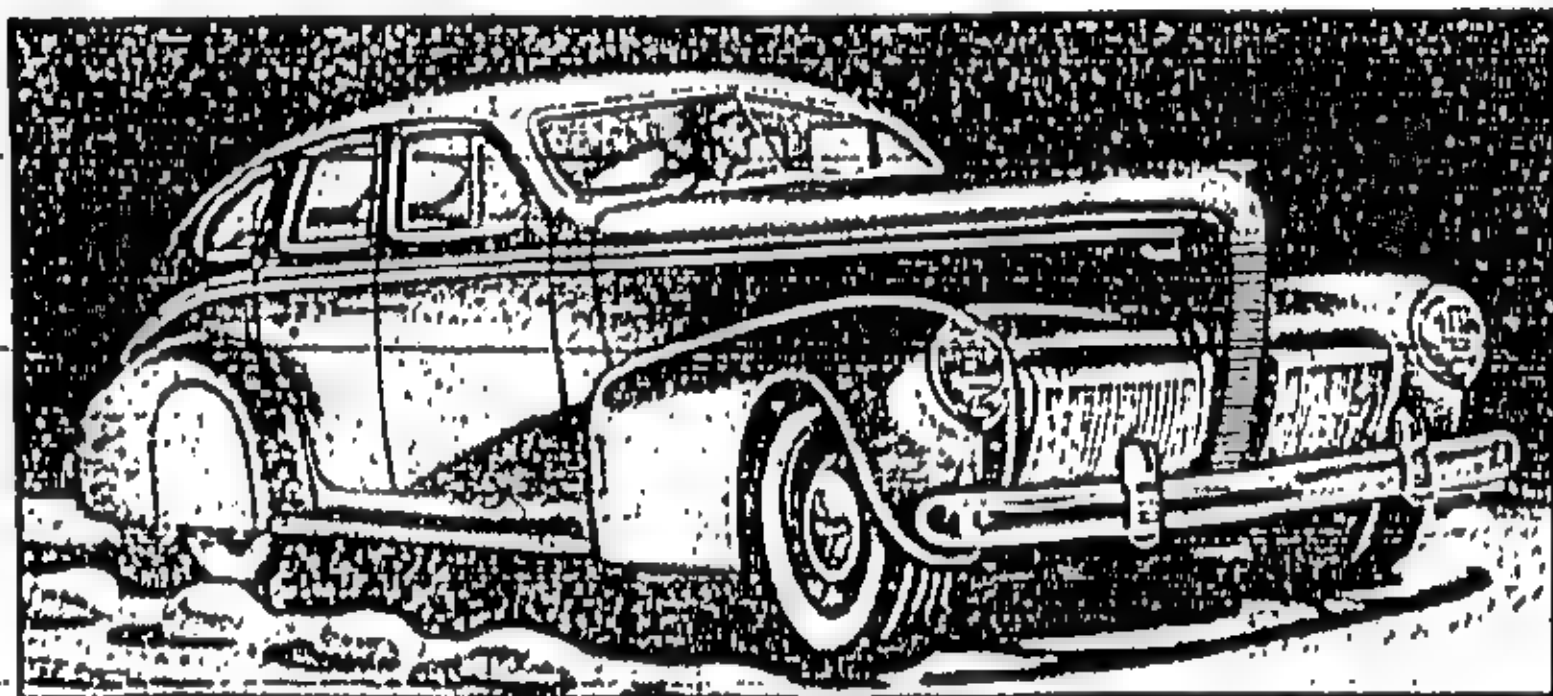
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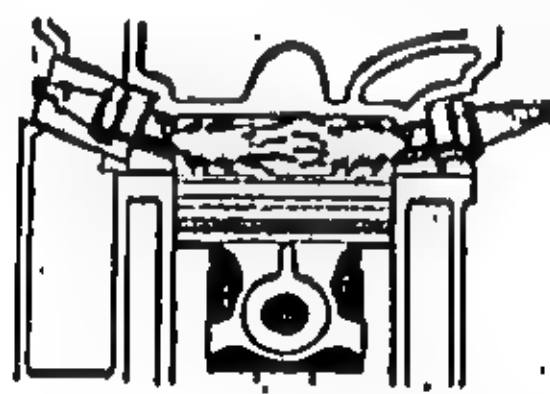
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R.A.F. CASUALTY LIST OF 145

LONDON, May 17 (Reuters).—The latest R.A.F. casualty list contains 145 names, comprising 27 killed, including nine previously reported missing; one died of wounds or injuries; eight wounded or injured; 98 missing, nine died; four, previously reported missing, are now reported to be prisoners of war.

NAZIS BOMB HOSPITAL

PARIS, May 17 (Reuters).—News-papers report that German warplanes dropped incendiary bombs on a civil and maternity hospital at Chalons-sur-Marne. It is added that part of the township of Villy-le-Francois is ablaze following the dropping of incendiary bombs.

LIFE AND DEATH—2.

WHAT is DEATH?

WE find no difficulty in speaking frankly to children about some very surprising facts, such as broadcasting and the roundness of the earth. We do not find it so easy to tell them about human reproduction and human death.

This means that we ourselves have psychological resistances which prevent us from thinking clearly about such matters.

Our ancestors identified life with breathing. "Spirit" is only a Latin word for breath. We are now apt to identify it with the heart-beat, and every time that a man or woman whose heart has stopped for a few minutes recovers again, someone writes that the dead have been restored to life. These views are far more materialistic than any which I hold. The heart is only a pump for blood, and the lungs a means of exposing it to air. We can already keep the rest of an animal alive for some hours with an artificial heart and lungs, and it is only a question of time before this is done with a man. One of the main difficulties is to prevent the blood from clotting in the artificial heart.

The facts about life are much more complicated. The opposite to a machine, which is built up of replaceable parts, is an individual, which cannot be taken to bits and put together again. Now man is a compromise between the two.

We can do a certain amount of replacement with spare parts, as when we transfuse a quart of one man's blood into another. But man is blood to some extent a machine, so we cannot do very much replacement of this kind. And when we say that a man is dead we mean that his individuality has ceased rather than that his machinery has stopped working, even though the two events generally go together.

Let me explain. When you are dead, I can take some of your while blood corpuscles and grow them in a suitable fluid, certainly for weeks, perhaps for many years. If I knew enough I could do the same with many of your other tissues. This is already possible with the cells of embryo chicks or rats. For some hours after you are dead there is still life in your body. But it is not your life, merely the life of your cells. If I had murdered you it would be no defence to point to a culture of your cells, and say that you were still alive. There would be life there, but not your life.

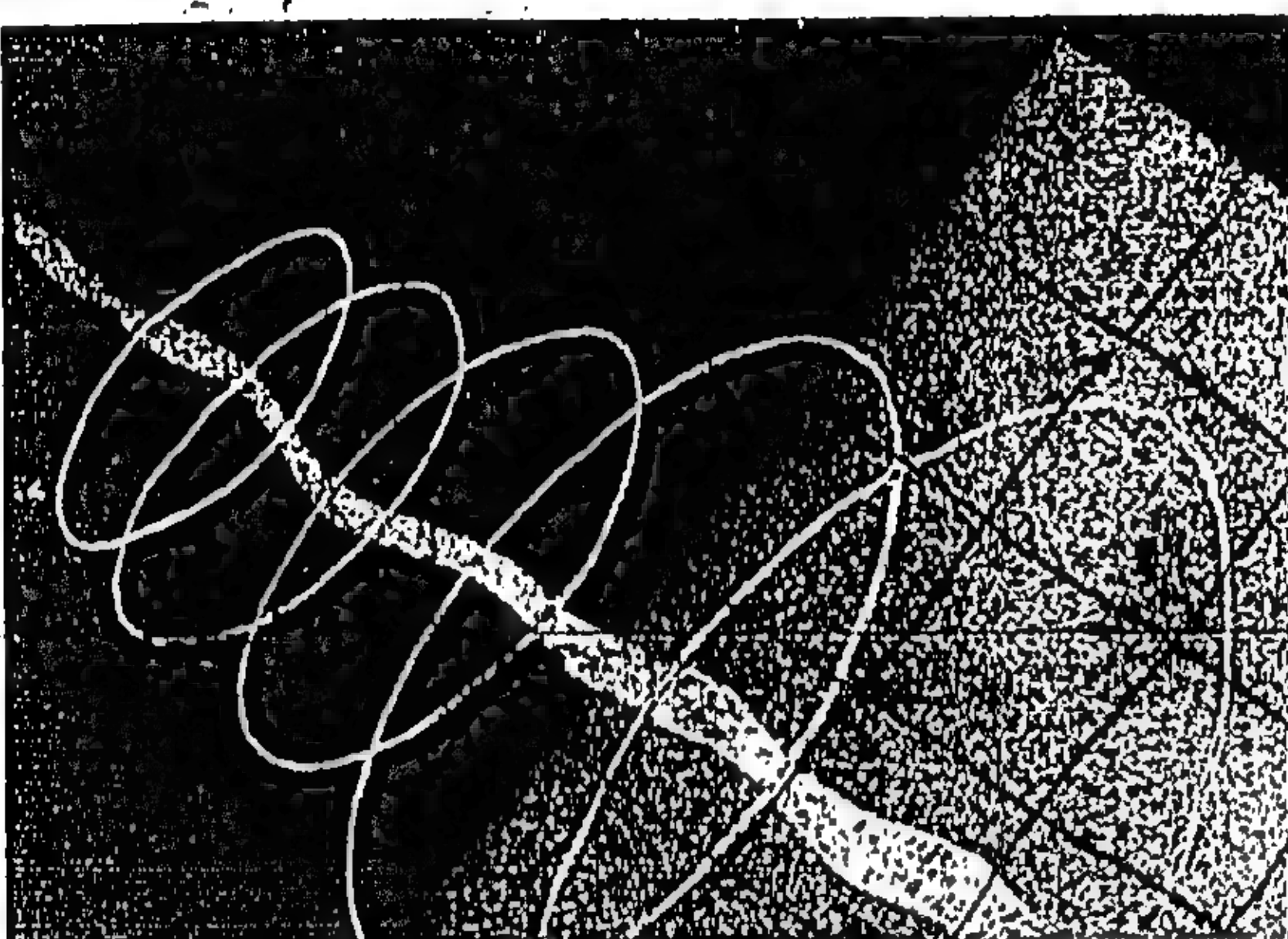
One can kill a rabbit by a blow on the neck and take out its heart. If the heart is kept warm and supplied with the right solution and plenty of oxygen it will go on beating for hours. The heart is dead, though the rabbit is dead. The same is true of human hearts, which have occasionally been taken out and kept alive for some time after their owners' death.

What is this individuality which comes to an end at death? Is it something outside the lives of the parts, and added to them, or is it just the unity by co-operation of these sub-lives? There is good reason to adopt the second view.

A tune does not consist of notes and a melody. If the notes are played in the proper order, the melody is there. It has no existence separable from its parts. Twenty-two players may or may not co-operate to play a cricket match, but you certainly cannot have the match without the players.

One cannot reason so directly about a man because a man consists of a very large number of cells, about ten thousand million, and one of them is as essential to the life of the whole man as the bowler to the cricket match.

Just as England could carry on without any one man, or any thousand men, so could you without any particular cell or thousand cells. But till a few million men, say all qualified locomotive, lorry and car drivers, and England



by J. B. S. HALDANE

would collapse into starvation and anarchy.

Against the theory that an indivisible something, the soul, leaves the body at the moment of death, is the experience of brain surgery. An American surgeon has studied the effect on several people, including his own sister of removing large parts of the front of the brain after injury or the growth of a tumour.

This causes no appreciable loss of sensation, memory, or muscular power, but there is a very real loss of initiative. One "patient" could look after her household on ordinary occasions, but could not order a large dinner; another could keep a simple job, but could not set about looking for a new one. "He will never make a revolutionary," says our author. If the totalitarian State proves a success, perhaps this operation will be performed on everyone except dictators.

As the brain is destroyed the personality gradually fades out, until a baby born with no upper parts to its brain shows less signs of consciousness than a fish, let alone a rabbit or dog, though it may live for a year. If there is a detachable soul, it can certainly be detached bit by bit, and all that is specially human in it may be lost long before death.

To many it seems more reasonable to regard the soul as a function of the co-operating brain-cells, just as a concert performance of a symphony, which, like the soul, has a unity of its own, is a function of the co-operating members of an orchestra.

There are many ways of dying. Usually some organ plays its part so badly that the others are one by one put out of action.

In pneumonia, the inflamed lungs let through a little oxygen that the rest of the body is suffocated. In heart disease the heart may stop suddenly, or pump so inefficiently as to suffocate the other organs. In many diseases the part of the brain which sends down nervous impulses to the breathing muscles is poisoned, and breathing ceases.

But science knows nothing of a definite moment of death in most cases. After the last breath a few more minutes of life could generally be vouchsafed by artificial respiration. After the last heart-beat a surgeon could open the abdominal wall, and by putting his hand up into the chest and rhythmically squeezing the heart, kept the blood circulating for a short time. Death is usually a gradual process well described by the word "dissolution". After death of the body as a whole many individual cells live on for hours or days; till they die.

And is that all? For a man or woman whose interests lie in people and things outside themselves it is very obviously not all. Some religions promise an eternal

future life for the individual, though they do not offer a very cheerful prospect to those persons who are most interested in their own individualities. Other religions promise the ultimate extinction of individuality as the greatest possible blessing.

I have some sympathy with this view. If I live for another fifty years I expect that most of my acquaintances will be heartily tired of me, and I shall very probably be rather tired of myself. If we are to believe Freud, we all carry within us a secret longing for death, which at most times we repress below the surface of our consciousness.

It is not a hatred of life, but a positive desire. And as we grow older we may do well to allow it some measure of freedom. For it is the one desire which will quite certainly be satisfied.

On the other hand, my mind includes certain constituents (this is a clumsy metaphor, but we can only speak of spiritual things in metaphors) which will no more perish with the dissolution of my individuality than will the atoms of which my body is composed. To however slight an extent, I have justice, courage, mathematics and human kindness, and after my death they will still be manifested in others for whom I shall make room. If these others are better than me I have no cause for complaint.

Death, then, as I see it, is the end of a particular pattern of material and mental happenings which are bound up with one another.

If the pattern was good and beautiful there is a cause for sorrow. But if, as sometimes happens, the end of the melody of life is its noblest and most beautiful moment, we may feel that "nothing is here for tears."

We need only pity the dying if they are in intolerable pain, or if their individualities mean as much to them as the prospect of their own end is an agony.

For death is not the end of life. It is only the end of my life or your life.

Switzerland All Ready

But Tension Thought To Be Relieved

LONDON, May 17 (Reuters).—After the Federal Council had examined the international situation at a long meeting this afternoon, a high Swiss officer declared: "No further military measures need be taken as the army is completely prepared, and at its war stations. Nothing remains to be done except await events patiently."

Authoritative circles here are pleased to note signs of a more peaceful orientation on the part of Italy. Political observers feel that an interested Power has recently been trying to test the Swiss nerves. It is thought that Switzerland might become endangered if the western front finally becomes static. Signs of Italy's interest in Swiss neutrality are still not lacking.

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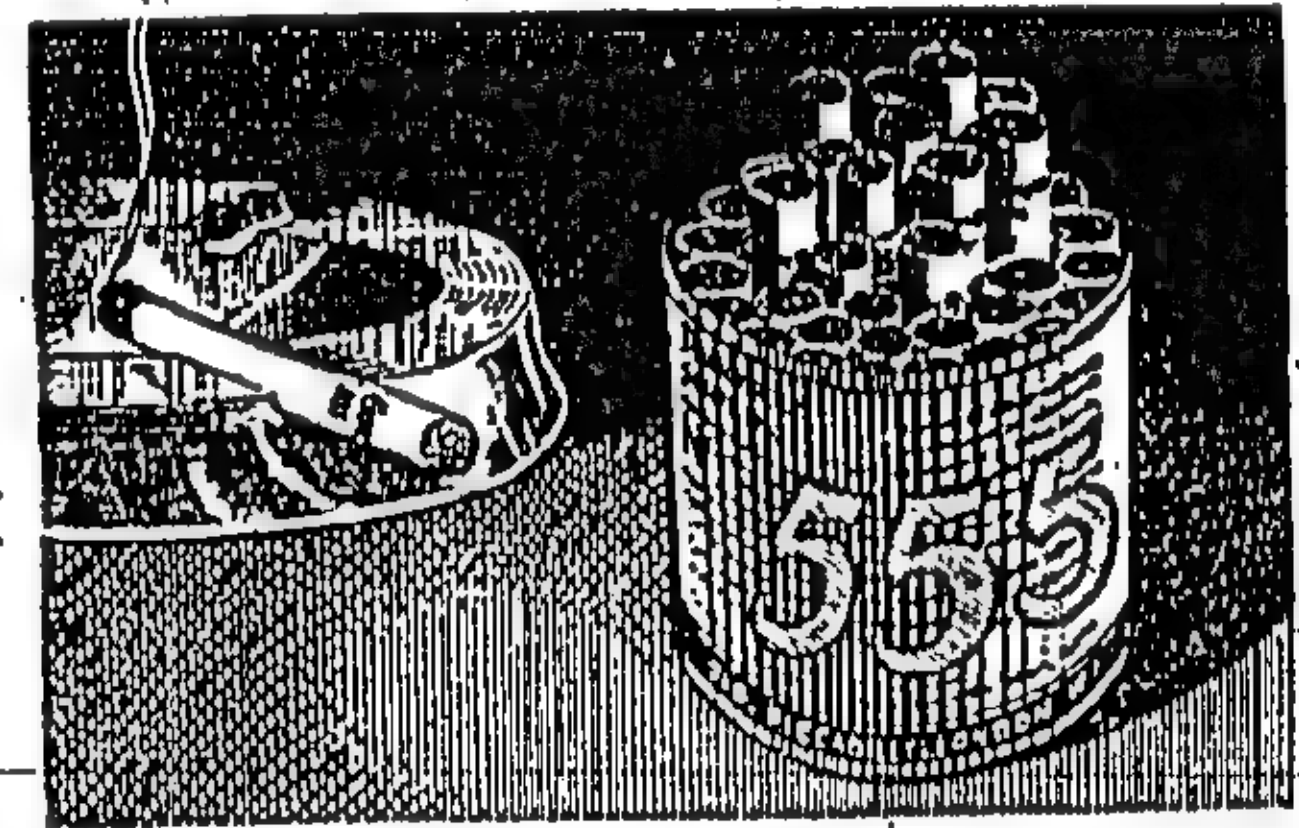
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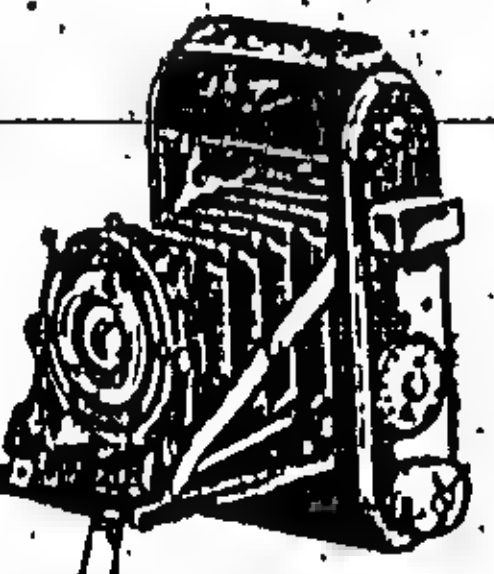
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10.17 Violin Solos by Albert Sandler.
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11.00 London Relay—London Log.
11.15 Dance Music.
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12.30 Selections from Light Opera.
1.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.03 Studio—Another "Musical Cocktail" by Erich Ferges (Piano) (from Jimmy's Kitchen).
1.23 Organ Interlude.
The Lost Chord (Sullivan). Cloister Shadows (Hips), Reginald Forster at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Verdi's "Aida" Act II.
2.30 Close down.
7.0 Compositions of Cesar-Franck. Redemption. The Lamoureux Orchestra. Paris, cond. by Albert Wolff. Prelude, Choral and Fugue, Alfred Cortot (Piano).
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"La Belle Helene"—Selection, You Shall Be The King of My Heart (Stolz).
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9.15 London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 Studio—Talk by Mrs. R. H. Scott on "Women's Work in England in War Time."
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10.17 Studio—Sunday Evening Epilogue.
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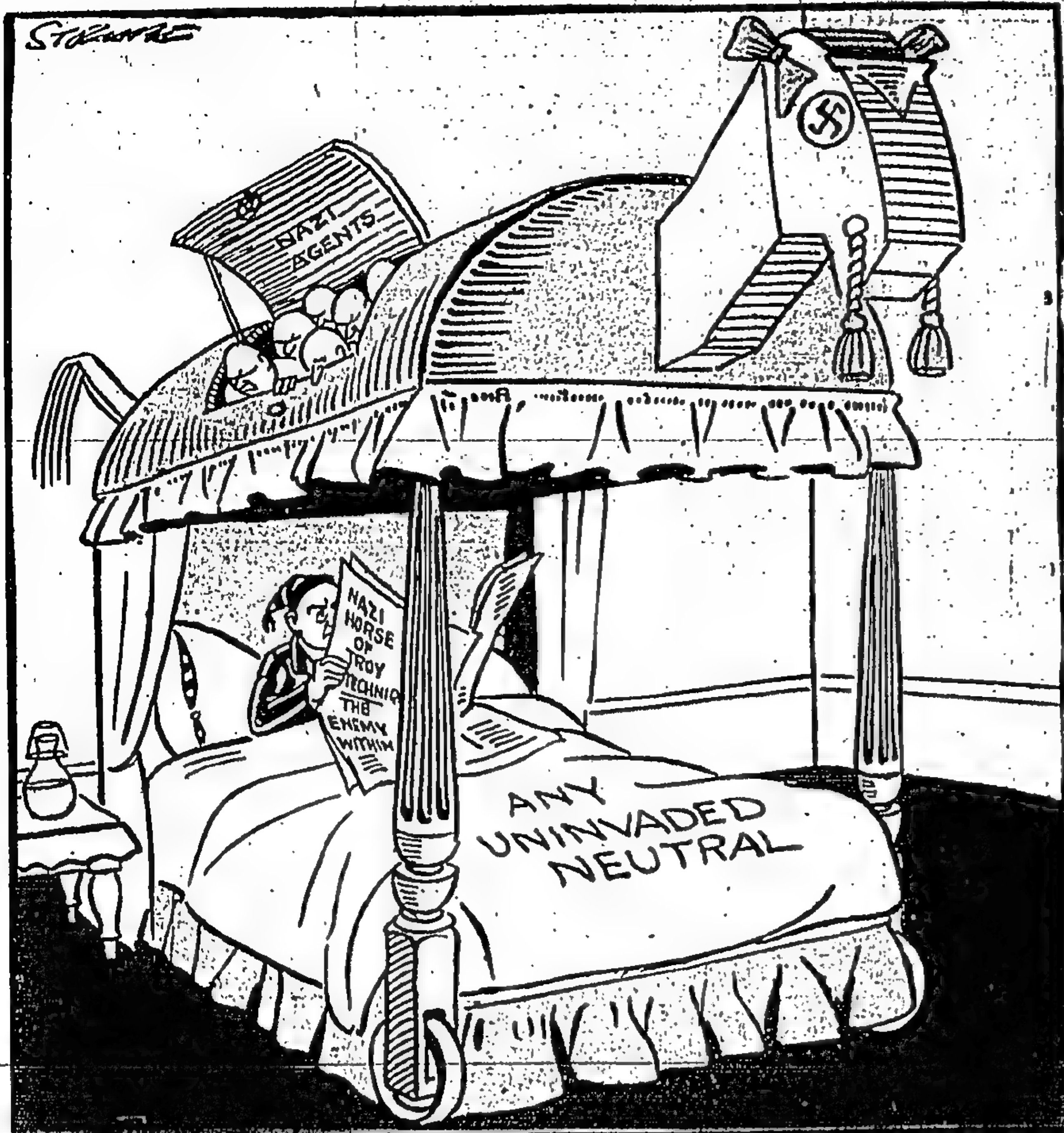
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BEHIND THE HEADLINES—by JOHN BLUNT

The "Fifth Column"

ALTHOUGH a shock at the time, the surrender of the greater part of Holland is quite understandable. There is no doubt that Germany calculated that the resistance of a small army could be overcome by a smashing campaign of ruthless terrorism. The infiltration of the "fifth column" and the partial success of the parachuteists, together with a merciless bombing from the air, all served the brutal aims of Germany. The small Allied Forces available could not have consolidated themselves in so few days. Indeed, it would have been more than surprising had Germany not met with some success when it is remembered that her campaign had been prepared months before. Total warfare, as it is called, has been evolved by the fiendish brains behind the Nazi movement, and there is good reason to believe that every form of terrorism will be practised by Germany. If some of the weaker nations are temporarily crushed from the map, they are not entirely to blame. Britain and France will take the blows, but will ultimately give more than they take to the eternal damnation of those who started this massacre.

Fact Versus Fiction

AND so a change has been made in the guiding influence of the British Ministry of Information. Duff Cooper, who now holds the post, may be expected to place the facts of the Allied cause before the world, even if with his customary bluntness. He will also lose no time in exposing the lying propaganda of the Germans. It is better to be convinced by facts, even if occasionally unpleasant, rather than be misled by fiction.

Germans in Hongkong

LAST week, I referred to the absurdity of permitting Germans to enjoy their freedom in the Colony. True, there may not be so very many, but every German must be in the suspect. During my sojourn in the Far East, I have met the Germans who, in a gesture of pseudo-conscience, have protested that their sympathies have been with the British, and that they have been entirely opposed to Hitlerism. It has tiredly come to my personal knowledge that some of those who fled with crocodile tears in their eyes, were at the very moment of speaking, members of the Nazi movement in this Colony. I have yet to meet or see a German publicly expressing his condemnation of his country's policy.

Those Rumours

ON Wednesday, rumours flooded the Colony concerning the alleged collapse of the Wall Street market. Shares, stocks, commodities were supposed to have fallen anything up to twenty points. The King of Italy had abdicated. Italy had declared war, and so on. There would appear to be grounds for the

grave suspicion that some unprincipled people deliberately start such rumours in order to gain profit. Such an offence should be discouraged by the provision of heavy penalties for such dishonesty.

Midnight Madness

TRAFFIC supervision by night does not appear to be very effective in Hongkong. The other evening, a private car was "heard" proceeding along Queen's Road from east to west. The traffic light was against it by the Shell Building, but nevertheless, the impatient horn-blowing continued. The occupants appeared to be in a state of conviviality ill-suited to the handling of a motor vehicle. The constable in the traffic box acceded to their raucous demand by giving them the green light, whereupon the driver stepped on the gas, and literally roared down Pedder Street. I looked in the morning paper for the report of a smash, but apparently, luck was on the side of madness that night.

Dialects, And Brogues

AN after-dinner chat the other night—as usual, much ado about nothing—led up to the question of national humour. It was asserted from one quarter that British humour was hard to beat, whereupon an American present asked for a definition of "British" humour. It is true there are many dialects and brogues in the English language. These days there are very

few new Irish jokes of the Pat, Mike or Murphy variety, and it is a long time since I heard an original quip attributed to a Scot. Perhaps brogues are falling by the wayside. Reminds me of an occasion some years ago when a little leg-pulling cross banter occurred amongst a party of English and Scottish people. A count was taken of the respective nationalities present. Each proudly proclaimed his or her national ancestry. When one of the menfolk (an author of some repute) claimed to be a Scot, my hostess expressed her surprise. "But," she protested, "I have read several of your books and neither in your speech nor writing do you seem to be Scottish." "My dear lady," the Scot replied, "I believe you were born in Dorset, but nobody would know it."

Mussolini's Quandary

The fate of Italy appears to hang by a very slender thread, but every hour that passes should relieve the tension. Mussolini may be on the brink of throwing in his lot with Hitler, but the tremendous slaughter in the opening phase of the Blitzkrieg must have a sobering influence. It must be dawning on him that his choice lies between becoming a co-partner of the most hated fiend in the world, or extricating himself from an entanglement which will lead to his own undoing. The prospect which faces him should he choose the former alternative is indeed grim, and I doubt, even at this momentous juncture, whether he will chance the terrible consequences of war.

Girls' and Boys' Corner

Dear Kiddies,

Last week's colouring competition was very well done. The prize-winners this week are:—

Wong Kwok Lam (aged 12), 8, Garden Road.
John Hardoon (aged 8½), 18, Village Road.
June Gordon (aged 8), 518 c, Nathan Road.

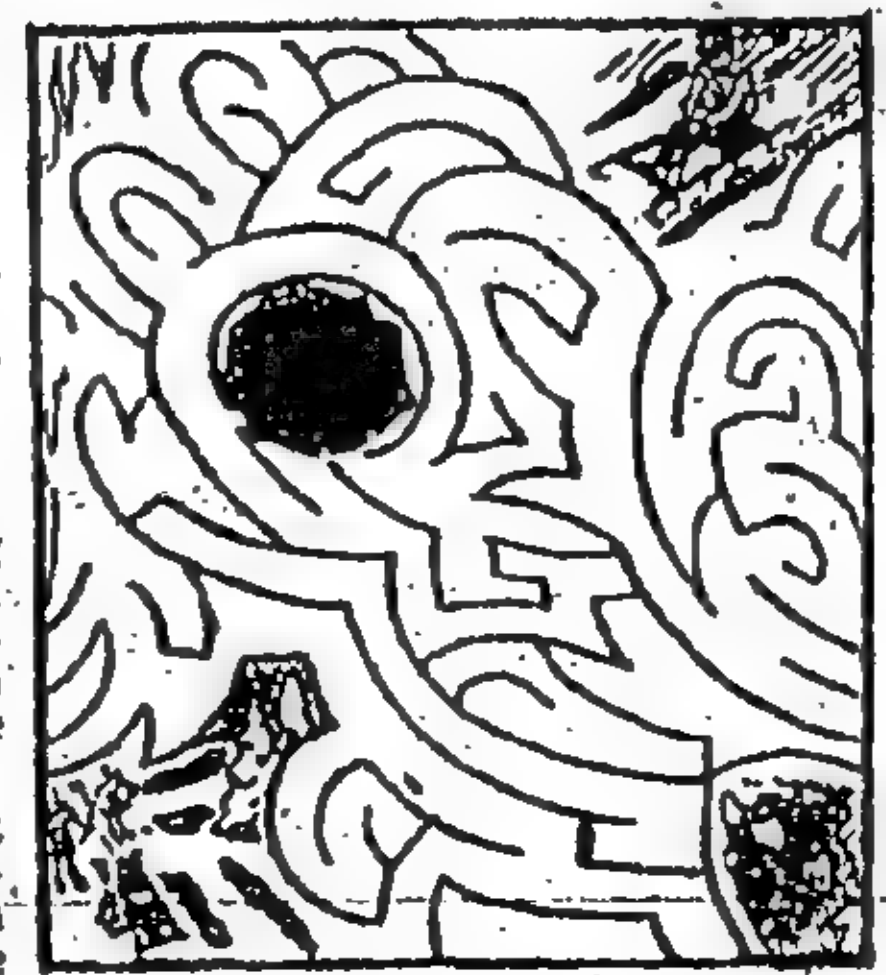
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Juniors: Betty Mair, Muslim Yusuf, Ghafour Bux, Susan Wood, Geoffrey Hudson.

This week, kiddies, I want you to study the above picture closely and then trace the way the boy in the toboggan at the top must go to join his friends below without crossing a black line.

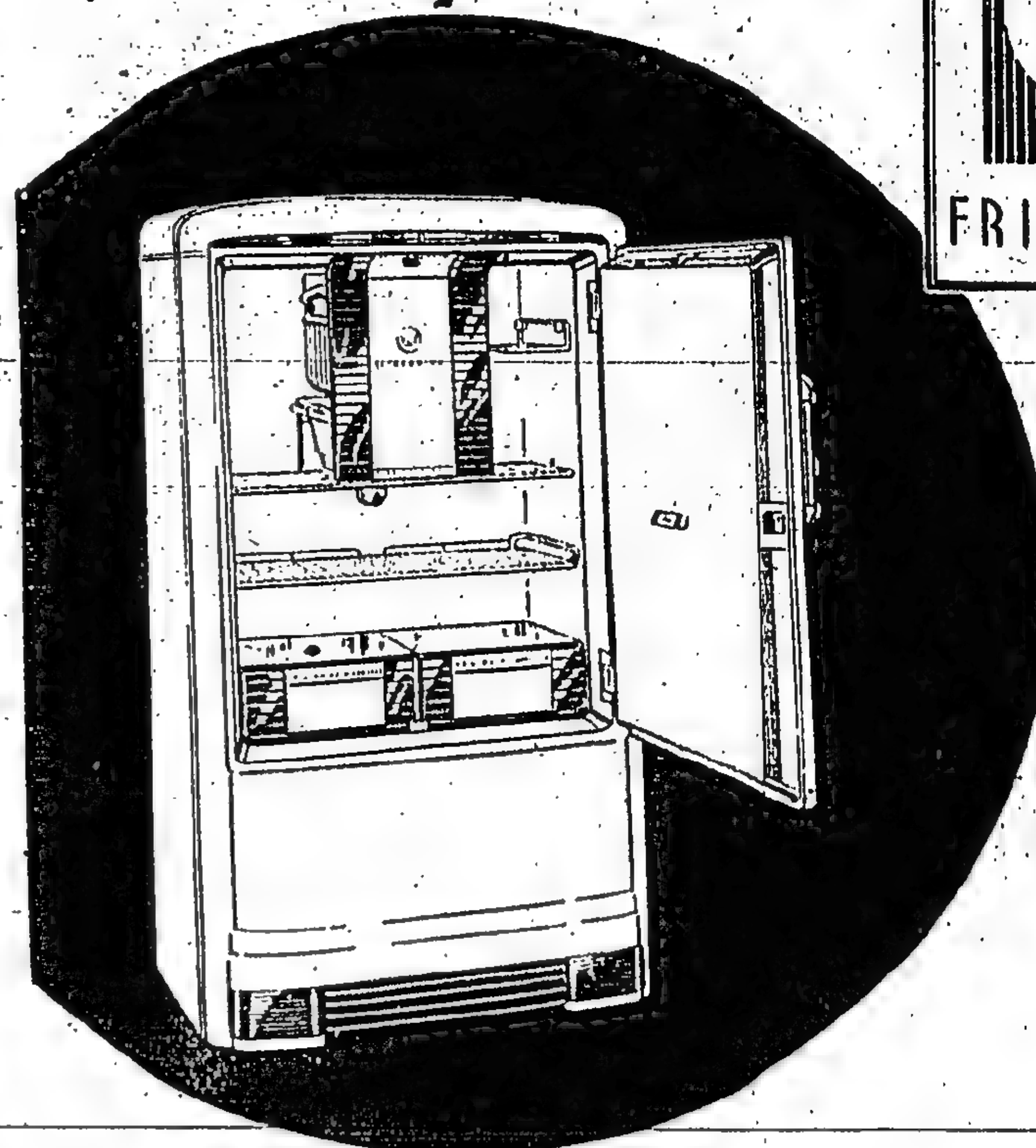


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ANTWERP UNDER FIRE: NAZIS POUND BIG FORTS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 18 (UP).—Following swiftly upon the fall of Louvain, and Malines and the entry of German troops into Brussels, Antwerp, Belgium's great seaport which resisted German invasion for 35 days in the last war, came under fire from German heavy guns across the River Scheldt yesterday.

The River Scheldt passes through Antwerp and authoritative sources in London last night admitted that the Dutch and Belgian defenders have been pushed back to the left bank of the river.

In addition to pounding the city, the Germans are attempting to reduce, one by one, the great fortifications which guard Antwerp in the north.

The evacuation of Brussels by the Belgian Government has been officially confirmed.

Fall Of Brussels

A Berlin communique claims that Brussels and Louvain have already been reduced. The claim regarding the Belgian capital seems to be borne out by the Allied admission that the British, French and Belgian forces have withdrawn from the city to a point westwards and that a new line had been taken up.

Flushing Set On Fire

Holland's Scorched Earth Policy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 17 (UP).—The Dutch army and naval forces who are still fiercely resisting the German invaders in the small strip of free territory near the Belgian border yesterday set the torch to Flushing, the famous seaport on Walcheren Island.

Holland's naval yards at Flushing were dynamited; all harbour works were blown up. Dockyards, warehouses—anything that would prove useful to the Germans when they occupied the city—were destroyed.

The torch was set to the big petrol and oil installations, which blazed hundreds of feet into the air throughout the night.

Islands Evacuated

Simultaneously with the destruction of all military objectives, the Dutch and Allied troops evacuated Walcheren Island and the adjoining island of Beveland.

Evacuation was decided upon by the Admiral commanding the French naval forces operating in the Province of Zealand.

The destruction of Flushing's military objectives was carried out by the Dutch authorities, and the Dutch troops evacuated with the French. They will re-land in Belgium, where they will continue the struggle.

Beveland and Walcheren islands are noted for the architectural beauty of their towns, particularly Middelburg and Veere. Both these towns have suffered severely from almost continuous German air raids.

Fierce Fighting Continues. Dutch soldiers on the left bank of the River Scheldt, which empties into the sea just above Antwerp in Belgium.

The remainder of the Dutch Air Force, which sustained an almost mortal blow in fighting the overwhelming Nazi air force, has evacuated the Walcheren air headquarters (which were subsequently destroyed) and are now at an Allied Air Base.

Ground personnel was evacuated by Allied warships.

Americans Advised To Leave

LONDON, May 17 (Reuters).—Between 4,000 and 5,000 United States citizens in Britain have been advised by the Embassy in London to leave for home.

Ships are being sent to the west coast of Europe to pick them up. Embassy officials, however, reveal that as yet there has been no rush.

"The Situation Is Extremely Grave"

—OFFICIAL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 18 (UP).—The seriousness of the situation on the Western Front, which has already been admitted by official spokesmen in Paris and London, and which formed the subject of a "Backs to the Wall" Order of the Day by General Gamelin, was further emphasised in London last night.

The Press Association has issued a statement from an authoritative British source, saying that the British newspapers have so far not represented the true gravity of the situation to their readers.

The statement adds: "Authoritative quarters feel that the Press has a duty to perform in telling the British public that the situation must be regarded as one of extreme gravity."

A further official admission has been made in London that the "Battle of the Budge" has taken a serious turn.

It is believed that Mr. Churchill's flight to Paris was made in view of the nature of the events of the past 48 hours.



GENERAL GAMELIN

An entirely new Allied strategy may have to be evolved to meet the rapid German advance.

Latest Developments In Italy BRITONS WARNED TO CLEAR OUT

THE BRITISH LEGATION in Rome has advised all British subjects residing in Italy to return to England as soon as possible.

This is one of the latest developments in the Italian crisis.

"United Press" reports from Washington that President Roosevelt has cancelled his usual week-end trip to his summer residence at Hyde Park.

It is not likely that he will not make the projected tour of the west scheduled for next month.

In Shanghai the Japanese garrison command has requested the commanders of foreign defence forces for an assurance that there will be no hostilities between Allied and Italian forces in Shanghai, Tientsin or Peking in the event of Italy joining Germany.

Subsequently the U.S. Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Hark, received an assurance from the British, French and Italian commanders at a joint conference between the four commanders.

Studying Roosevelt Note

ROME, May 17 (Reuters).—President Roosevelt's message to "Simor Mussolini" is being "studied carefully" according to official circles here.

They state however that the message is of a personal character, no statement can be made about its contents. Any forecast of its contents is premature.

In the meantime the number of political observers who so far have staunchly believed that Italy would remain non-belligerent is dwindling. The fact that the frontiers are fully booked for Italian and French residents.

Nationwide demonstrations are prepared for next Sunday which will be held in support of the Italian Government.

War's Biggest List Of Air Casualties

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 17 (UP).—Illustrating the bitterness of the aerial combat since the beginning of the German invasion of the Lowlands, the Air Ministry today issued the biggest casualty list of the war.

It contains a total of 143 casualties. Sixteen were killed in action and 99 are missing, believed killed.

The names of the casualties are not specified as that Germany cannot figure the losses in any specific battle.

RUMANIAN GOVT.

BUYS UP OIL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, May 17 (Dome).

Rumanian petroleum companies were ordered by the Government today to sell the whole of their future production to the Government, and to store it in their own repositories.

FRENCH ADMIT SITUATION IS "VERY SERIOUS"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, MAY 18 (UP).—THE MAIN GERMAN OBJECTIVES IN THE BLITZKRIEG DRIVE THROUGH FRANCE FROM THE POCKET THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BEHIND THE FRENCH FORTIFICATIONS IN THE SEDAN AREA APPEAR TO BE LAON AND RHEIMS, THE IMPORTANT CITIES 70 AND 100 MILES RESPECTIVELY FROM PARIS.

THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO DRIVE ON LAON DOWN THE AISNE VALLEY, WHERE THE FIGHTING THROUGHOUT YESTERDAY WAS PARTICULARLY BITTER.

Two heavy columns of German mechanised units are driving down the Aisne and Somme towards Soissons, fifty miles from the frontier. They are unsupported by infantry and have no lines of communication.

DASH FOR ENGLISH CHANNEL

These mechanised columns broke through a gap in the border fortifications between Metziers and Sedan—the gap through which earlier big columns had broken and then wheeled northwards for a dash towards Lille and the English Channel.

Official German reports claim that German troops of all branches of the invading Army have now lengthened the breach in the French frontier fortifications to sixty miles, stretching from Maubeuge to Montmedy.

Through this breach, says the German report, Nazi mechanised units are spreading rapidly fanwise to the north-west and south-west—towards St. Quentin in the north and Verdun in the south. By this move, states the Germans, the entire French frontier fortifications are compromised.

Thousands of planes are constantly in action along the widening fighting zone, strafing columns, bombing positions and supporting the mechanised units. The German tanks and motorised units which have crashed through the Allied front lines are all heavily and constantly supported by planes.

A report from Paris states that the Germans made a fresh effort to breach the frontier fortifications between Sedan and Montmedy last night, hurling the bulk of their heavy tank divisions in a mass attack on Avesnes and Verins.

Nazi Advance Halted

High French military sources stated at 9 p.m. that the Nazi mechanised units, heavily supported by the German Air Force, violently attacked the lower end of the pocket which had been established between the Sambre River and Rethel.

The French spokesman denied that the Germans had taken Maubeuge and claimed that the Nazi advance along the River Aisne had been halted at Rethel, thirty miles inside France.

During the fierce battle along the Aisne Valley several villages and woods changed hands five or six times, but at 6 p.m. the French lines were still intact.

Heavy Allied artillery reinforcements are now pouring tons of thousands of high explosive shells into the apex of the German lines around Rethel; it is admitted that the destruction of this German salient is of the utmost importance.

"Very Serious" Meanwhile, the spearhead of the advance by the large German mechanised force, which made the initial breakthrough of the French fortifications at Metziers has turned north-eastwards towards St. Quentin, in an evident attempt to threaten the Allied communications between France and Belgium and thus compromise the entire Allied resistance in Belgium.

The situation is described in Paris as being "very serious."

12,000 French Prisoners French spokesmen do not deny the German claim that 12,000 French prisoners of war have been taken in the past week.

One spokesman pointed out that, in view of the magnitude of the battle, the loss of this number of men was "not unreasonable."

The Germans are reported to be using between 800 and 1,200 tanks in the breakthrough at Sedan alone. Tanks in operation in Belgium and a total of between 3,200 and 3,800 elsewhere along the Western Front.

Aves Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 17 (UP).

A minute air raid, lasting a few minutes, hit the western section of France yesterday afternoon.

German planes bombed Arras.

Situation Analysed

HITLER'S GREATEST GAMBLE

Facing Danger Of Allied Traps

By RALPH HEINZEN
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF
CORRESPONDENT)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, May 18 (UP).—Powerful Allied reinforcements have been thrown into line overnight, and the German bulge on the Allied flanks at Namur and Sedan is now being squeezed.

Despite these heavy reinforcements, the Allies have not been able to halt the fierce drive of German motorised units, which have advanced far ahead of the main fighting zone.

These German units, operating with reckless abandon, are now launching unsupported attacks along the Dyle and Sambre rivers in Belgium and northern France.

May Be Turning Point These attacks, which came after the 24-hour "breathing spell" yesterday, may become the turning point of the German Blitzkrieg, for the main effort to-day appears to be to drive a deep wedge to the Aisne.

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Switzerland May Be Next Nazi Invasion Would Bring Italy In

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 17 (Dome).

A German invasion of Switzerland, which is regarded as distinctly possible, is believed would be sufficient to bring Italy into the war.

Reports reaching London state that about 25 divisions of mechanised German troops are concentrated along a line from Schwarzwald to Boden See, and that another Nazi force is stationed in the Vorarlberg region, which was formerly part of Austria.

Swiss troops are posted along these northwestern and eastern parts of the country to cope with any eventuality, while other forces have been sent to the Swiss-Italian border.

Mrs. Irma Frommer, M.D. (Bologna) has been appointed to be an Inspector of Schools.

U.S. TO BUILD 50,000 WARPLANES A YEAR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP).—The U.S. Government has decided to build airplane factories in order to help private manufacturers to speed up the production of warplanes to 50,000 per annum.

An initial order for 50,000 planes is to be placed this year.

Both Houses of Congress have already started preparations to secure the immediate enactment of President Roosevelt's Emergency Defence Programme, which envisages the expenditure of \$1,800,000,000.

It is possible that the measure will be ready for the Presidential signature next week, so that production of war planes will be stepped up.

Passage of the new measure will bring the visible output on defence for 1942 to the grand total of 100,000.

A message from London states that the British Press interprets the President's new defence requirements as marking the awakening of America to the dangers to its own security.

"We badly need every plane we can get from America," says the "News Chronicle."

"But this is not enough. The only way America can give the Allies effective help at this moment is to war with the United States on the same basis as the Allies."

The "Daily Mail" declares: "America is now very nearly ready to come to the aid of the European democracies."

The Nazi Military Bible: INSTALMENT FIFTH

RUSSIA is in many respects the antithesis of England. It may not be an island lying off the European coast, but neither the country nor the people nor the civilisation really belongs to Europe; in spite of two centuries of ardent endeavour it remains a part of Asia, with which its spaciousness, land bound character, Mongoloid blood and stagnant immobility link it.

Russia entered the circle of European powers not much later than England, but as a land, not a sea power. Both of them press heavily on others, England by her fleet, her command of the sea, her commerce and her threats of blockade, Russia by her enormous army which comes along like a steam roller, and can never be finally cornered and beaten in its own country.

Both are world powers, England in virtue of her overseas colonies held together by a finely spun web of sea routes, Russia by her vast Asiatic colony which merges imperceptibly into the mother country.

Russian industry was and is totally inadequate for equipping a large army or keeping it supplied through a long war.

During the world war the Russian armaments industry only succeeded in producing one million new or reconditioned rifles during 1914 and 1915; this even with the three quarters of a million imported from abroad, was not nearly enough to cover the demand for that period, which amounted to three or four millions. It was not till 1916 that home production and imports between them proved adequate; the field artillery, and this deficiency was not remedied till the end of 1917, when the Russians began to withdraw their army from the front.

The heavy artillery was in even worse case; during the retreat of 1915 it constantly had to be withdrawn from the scene of action through lack of shells.

Japan And The Allies

Had the Germans succeeded in keeping Japan away from the Allies and, if possible, as a benevolent neutral (we will not even suggest the notion of an alliance) the Russians would have been able to make considerably less use of the Siberian railway for supplying the needs of their army, or perhaps none at all. In such a case Russia could hardly have gone on with a war which put such an undreamed of strain on industry, beyond the spring of 1915. This may serve as a lesson in case of future wars or alliances with Russia.

Russia, which is still an immensely populous country, is impotent except in alliance with a highly industrialised power. Among her neighbours the only one that fits this description is Germany; all the other industrial countries (England, France, America, perhaps Japan) can only maintain communications with her western regions, which will decide the military issue by the most difficult and devious channels.

Russia, both old and new, is a country of many nationalities, so that we cannot very well speak of a Russian character covering the whole of Russia.

There is something resigned and brooding about them, and they will often follow up one action with a completely contradictory one which takes us, with our ways of thinking, completely by surprise.

Blank indifference may suddenly burst forth into violent action, apparently hopeless stupidity into boundless imagination, and a vague feeling of inferiority has its counterpart in its absurd arrogance. They will buckle under to brute force ruthlessly applied, but they will now and again their suppressed murmuring breaks out into an ungovernable fury in which they do things that they often bitterly regret afterwards.

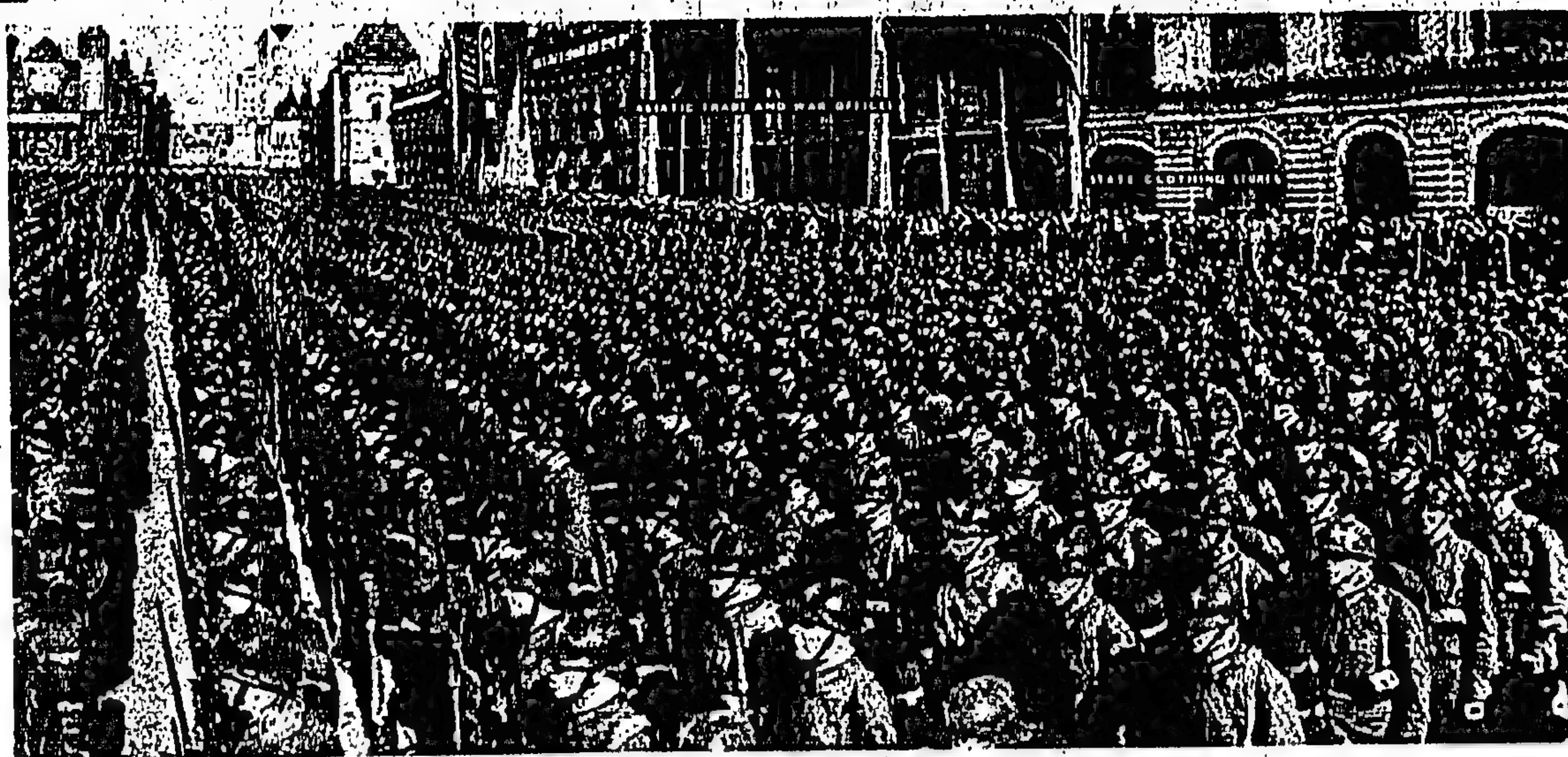
The Russian masses are incapable of any progressive development or enterprise on their own, but the weight of their numbers and their blind obedience enable them to be used under resolute leadership, as a means to the accomplishment of great tasks.

Must Be Under The Whip

With a strong hand over them they can be relied upon, not otherwise; without it the unstable side of their character comes to the front, and instead of the mighty Russian Empire the foreigner finds a vast collection of isolated villages.

The Great Russian nation never knows what it wants; it oscillates helplessly between action and dream; it kisses its icons with penitential devotion and then goes straight off and gets blind drunk on vodka.

The nation as a whole always stands behind its leaders even when the latter are suddenly changed, as in 1917. The government can always count on two instincts—complete and unquestioning acceptance of its decrees, and a lack of critical sense which always shouts



Red troops drawn up in a square in Moscow.

ON THIS PAGE are further extracts from "Raum Und Volk im Weltkrieg," the "Bible" of the German Army.

In previous chapters, the author, Professor Ewald Banse (Professor of Military Science at Brunswick University), wrote of the methods Germany would employ in invasion of France, Belgium, Holland and Britain. We have seen the methods put into practice in Belgium and Holland.

To-day is described German military opinion of Russia and Japan.

GERMANY AND THE STEAM ROLLER

hurry for the man who has the power and uses it ruthlessly.

The first named instinct accounts for the dumb obedience of the soldiers, who allowed themselves to be driven into battle, to hold masses like sheep and mowed down by the superior technical equipment and strategy of the enemy; the second for the prompt seizure of power by the Soviets, inasmuch as the peasants, who were supposed to be so devoted to the Tsar, in most cases cheerfully accepted the change of government without in the least realising what it meant.

The class which rules these masses has hardly any roots in them. Under the Tsar it was mostly Germanic with an international streak, and Russian nationalists in complexion; to-day it is wholly international, with the eastern-Jewish cum Tartar cum Caucasian note predominating.

Whatever its composition, it has always known that force is the only thing which can get the Russian masses, with their half dumbly submissive, half rebellious character, moving along the line which a far sighted government is bound to adopt if it wants to keep its own and its country's end up against foreign powers.

The Russian soldier, accustomed to being ordered about for generations submitted willingly, if in most cases ignorantly, to military discipline. Contemptuous of death, he often bravely and clumsily into battle in dense waves, dumbly resigned to his fate. He knew that he was fighting against superior generalship, training and technical equipment. His stoical determination was as impotent as the ruthlessness but not sufficiently circumspect and intelligent tactics of his leaders against the German superiority of fire. Otherwise we could never have repulsed and in places even routed the immense forces of the Russians in 1914 with such few troops, some of which were past the age for active service.

In retreat, however, though not in attack, the Russian higher command showed its skill and prevented us from ever enveloping the whole Russian army.

Bearing in mind all this and also the shortage of arms and munitions in a country so little industrialised and almost cut off from its allies, we must not conceal from ourselves that we owe our victories, which were all achieved with in-

ferior numbers, in no small degree to the deficiencies of the Russians.

Falkenhayn And Napoleon

The great difference between the German advance into Russia in 1915 and Napoleon's in 1812 is that in 1812 there were no railways, so that the French advanced in lines with a narrow front, which meant that their rearward communications were in great danger; in other words, they were handicapped in every possible way by the size of the country.

The Germans a hundred years later took the railways with them, which made their communications safe, especially as they advanced on a broad front; hence the size of the country only militated against them in so far as they were out to attack the enemy; afterwards, and as soon as the railway was functioning, it shrank and lost much of its perilousness.

With modern pioneering technique, destruction of railways, bridges and roads causes a merely momentary delay, hence it only affects troops in pursuit, not communications.

The tragedy of the German offensive in Russia in 1915 is that when the Lord had delivered the Russian army into our hands we threw away our chance of annihilating it because that was not part of our plan, having been dismissed in advance as hopeless. After the loss of the battle of the Marne, almost the only thing left for us—apart from an invasion of England—was to dispose of the Russian army completely and then concentrate our whole strength on the western front. We might have done this during the spring of 1916, when there was as yet no threat to our eastern front from Rumania, when England still had relatively few men in the field, and there was no question of American help for the Allies.

From the end of 1917 onwards right through 1918 the revolutionary Russian army and Russian generally played an extremely important, though purely passive, part, both in relations to us and the Allies, in determining the further course of the War and its final issue.

The Russian army fought against us no more, but it continued to exist and thereby caused us to leave a million men in Russia, as a result of which we were too weak for the decisive struggle of 1918 on the western front.

Publication of these extracts was rendered possible by the translation of the original German document into English by Messrs. Lovat, Dickson, the well-known British publishing house, who, despite German threats, published the document under the title "Germany, Prepare for War."

The Russian army thus did the same thing in the east as the British navy did in the west; both pressed heavily upon us by merely being there, that and nothing else.

And we must not conceal from ourselves the fact that the harsh manner in which we conducted the negotiations for the peace of Brest-Litovsk between December 1917 and March 1918 was partly responsible for this condition of affairs, with all the fatal consequences to us which it entailed.

We have here an instance of the failure of our government and our higher command to grasp the situation, especially where it touched on the domain of national psychology. It is not only by military but also by psychological weapons that wars are waged, won—and lost. The collapse of Russia became quite obvious and irrefragable when the Bolsheviks came into power under the leadership of Lenin in the autumn of 1917.

When our higher command sent Lenin in a sealed coach from Switzerland through Germany to Russia, it little knew it was signing Germany's death warrant.

The occupation of large portions of South Russia especially, by German and Austro-Hungarian troops (they got as far as a line drawn from Lake Peipus through Polotsk, Mohilev, and Bielgorod to Rostov-on-the-Don, besides seizing Trans Caucasia) left the Russian army untouched. And the fact that under the peace of Brest-Litovsk, which Russia was eventually compelled to sign, she "permanently" lost Poland, Lithuania, Courland and Finland, and temporarily lost Lithuania and Estonia, which meant that she was almost completely excluded from the Baltic; and that the Ukraine, her chief granary, was taken away from her, was all of no real value as long as Germany and Austria had not won the War. The fact was that the fate of the east could only be decided in the west.

Japan Like Great Britain

Japan is an island empire lying off the middle of the east coast of Asia and her geographical position is therefore similar to Great Britain. Politically and economically Japan's hour only came when, with the arrival of western maritime and commercial powers on the scene, the centre of gravity in eastern Asia shifted from the mainland to the coasts and adjacent sea, and when the Pacific, too, suddenly became of importance to eastern Asia.

More rapidly, perhaps, even than England in the 17th century, Japan at the close of the 19th realised the nature of the change, adapted herself to the new situation and sought to take a place among the great powers.

Since the territory of the Japanese motherland—the three islands of Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu, to which may be added the bleak northern island of Jesso—is small and mountainous, Japanese families, prolific, and economic life at home restricted, it was necessary for Japan, if she was to become a great power, to extend her territories to the adjacent mainland, whence she could aim at dominating the whole of eastern Asia and the Pacific.

First China was humbled; then Russia was shortly afterwards beaten; and with the acquisition of Korea and the southern part of Saghalien, and the establishment of a foothold in southern Manchuria, the extension of Japanese territory to the mainland was achieved.

But Japan's claims were not taken altogether seriously until the world war gave her the chance of approaching much nearer to her

goal of predominance in eastern Asia and supremacy over China. This explains her declaration of war against Germany on August 23, 1914, preceded on August 15 by an ultimatum couched in most impudent terms, the product of accumulated irritation and self importance.

Next followed the conquest of our Chinese concession of Kiaochow, whose capital Tsingtau surrendered on November 7, 1914, for lack of munitions, after an absurdly elaborate two months' siege, considering that it was nothing more than a fortified watering place.

The first move towards the Pacific was also made at this time, the Japanese chasing German ships against Germany on August 23, 1914, preceded on August 15 by an ultimatum couched in most impudent terms, the product of accumulated irritation and self importance.

When at the end of 1917 the United States on their entry into the War conceded to the Japanese special privileges in China—in order that their rear might be secure, Japan reached the height of her power and began openly to preach a kind of Monroe doctrine for the Far East. Moreover, by 1917-18 when every British and American ship was needed for service in Europe, Japan had established her commercial supremacy in the Pacific and was able to build a large merchant fleet.

The permanent results of the war years for Japan were—(1) the removal of the German (incidentally the smallest) obstacle, and the further thrusting back of Russia in Manchuria; (2) the rank of a respected great power with a population of 80 millions, which overshadows the Far East and without whose consent nothing can be undertaken in that quarter; as against that (3), a new political estrangement from Great Britain and the United States, who are concerned at all costs to prevent from shutting the door against them in China.

Since Japan cannot concern us as a theatre of war within any measurable future, we need not deal with her territory and may content ourselves with a few words about the Japanese character.

Its chief features are imitativeness and ambition, patriotism and chivalry, energy and a positively pedantic perseverance. This explains the amazing rapidity with which Japan has since the sixties of last century emerged from darkest mediocrity into the light of modern civilisation, having recognised that, if she is to preserve her national existence and her political independence, she must resort to the use of European weapons.

Here she stands in marked contrast to the far greater Chinese nation which does not possess this stern determination. The Japanese devotes all his mental and moral energies and all his labour to the promotion of his country's interests, and his reward is that in scarcely half a century Japan has become a great power with a voice in world affairs.

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ARE YOU up to date with your news? Can you remember important facts you've read recently in your "Telegraph?"

Give yourself one hour and some serious thought to solve this 20-question, not-so-easy quiz. Maximum marks possible—50.

1. What week of the war are we in? (2 marks.)
2. What Dominion recently lost its Prime Minister? (2 marks.)
3. Who won the Lincoln Handicap? (2 marks.)
4. What famous Rugby player recently died in an air crash? (2 marks.)
5. What world-famous art exhibition recently opened in London? (2 marks.)

6. What is the name of the Indian found guilty of murdering Sir Michael O'Dwyer? (2 marks.)

7. Who else was injured on this occasion? (2 marks each.)

8. Who is Australia's first Minister to the U.S.A.? (3 marks.)

9. How many rounds did Johnny Paycock last in his recent fight against Joe Louis? (4 marks.)

10. When M. Thälmann, referred to Peter the Great, what was M. Molotov's reply? (3 marks.)

11. What British submarine scored its second spectacular success recently by sinking a German cruiser? (2 marks.)

12. Who is the French Minister for War? (3 marks.)

13. At which prison in England was there a riot recently? (2 marks.)

14. What famous article of French food has been suppressed on economy grounds? (2 marks.)

15. Was the Boat-race rowed this year—and if so, who won? (1 mark.)

16. What Dominion troops have recently been stationed in Egypt? (2 marks.)

17. Name the London tanker believed to have sunk a U-boat off Trinidad? (3 marks.)

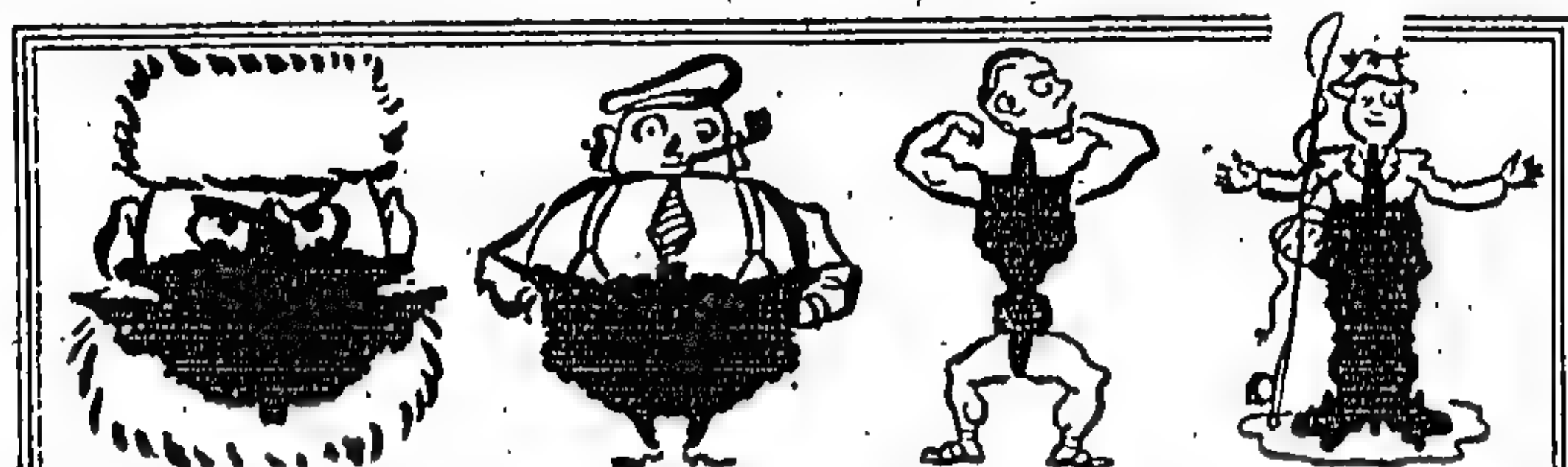
18. What was the first unit of the Territorial Army to have entered No Man's Land? (3 marks.)

19. They have celebrated a centenary two days late. Whose—and why? (2 marks.)

20. When was Britain's Budget day this year? (2 marks.)

(Answers below.)

TICKLE UP your memory. Allow yourself five minutes for concentrated examination of the following list. Bury your head in your hands—keep still—try to visualise the objects, and the number of objects. Then cover up the list and answer the questions that follow.



—a game to try out your ingenuity—

If you have pens, prepare to use them now—for we are about to play the Blot Game.

But first, a warning to housewives: play this game in the centre of the room, well away from the walls—particularly cream walls. I don't want to wreck your homes.

Take a piece of paper—make a good fat ink blot in the middle—then (while still wet) fold the paper in the exact centre of the blot and press. Other players in the game do the same thing—each, on opening his paper, revealing a grotesque, shapeless smudge.

Each player now announces: "I am going to turn my blot into a man skipping"—or "a Russian soldier"—or "Mac West"—or "Marie"—or "Hitler"—or anything or anybody they like. Then, with pen or pencil, they set to work and add the necessary embellishments. Time limit—ten minutes. And the funniest sketch wins.

Above are some examples. See if you can better them.

—And A New Bridge-Baffler

THE other night we played a hand like this:

North:	South:	East:	West:
S. A.	H. B.	S. H.	S. J. 10 9 8
H. 2 7 5 4	H. A 13 2	H. 10 9 8	H. 7 6 5 4
C. 2 7 5 4	C. A.	C. 10 9 8	C. K.

Clubs are trumps. South led and made five tricks. How? See Column-Three.

LIST

1. Blue hat.
2. Red pencil.
3. Lonely uncle.
4. Thimble.
5. Trained seals.
6. Old brown boots.
7. Packet of needles.
8. Baby sleeping in cot.
9. Mauve chemise.
10. Ties.
11. Broken hammers.
12. Rusty nails.
13. Apple trees.
14. Long black glove.

QUESTIONS

1. How many broken articles are mentioned?
2. What people are mentioned?
3. What colour is the chemise?
4. How many toys are mentioned?
5. What animals mentioned come out of a sewing basket?
6. What animals are mentioned?
7. How many red pencils were mentioned?
8. How often is the word black mentioned?
9. How often is the word yellow mentioned?
10. How many colours are mentioned?
11. What clothes are mentioned?
12. How many nails are mentioned?

SCORING

Look up the answers—score 10 for correct answers, 0 for mistakes. 60 shows fine powers of observation and a particularly good memory. 40 is average. Under 40—your memory is below par.

RECORDS

Perfect pick for the week-end party are two Decca discs of Shakespearean swing. The idea will probably sing grandma's eye-brows, but before long it is likely the old rocking chair will be going in rhythm. Four tunes—"O Mistress Mine," "Sigh No More, Ladies," "Lover and the Lass," and "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind"—are done by Bob Crosby and his Bob Cats. The singer is called Marion Mann, but she sounds like Connie Boswell to me. The labels are tastefully inscribed thus—"Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind" (Arthur Young, William Shakespeare). P. H.

—AND HERE'S A NEW ANGLE ON AN OLD GAME FOR THE LADIES

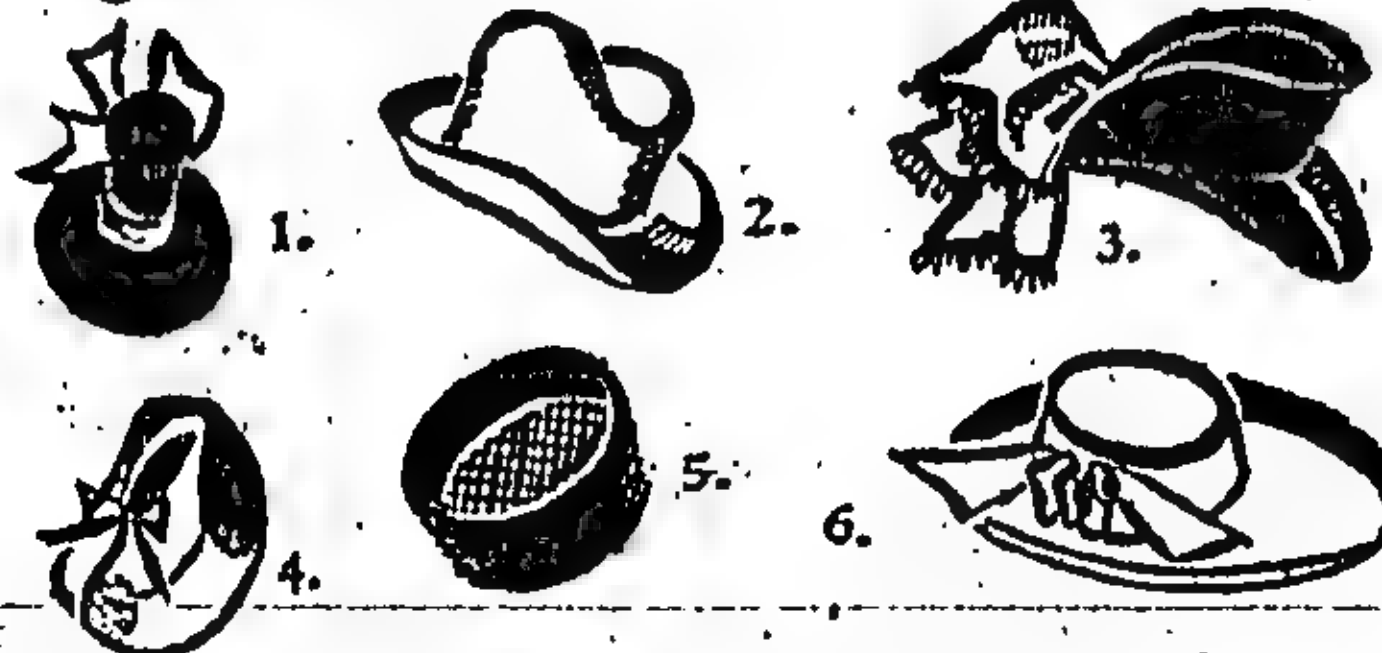
This is the first hand in a new question-and-answer game that, if you are honest, will give you a good check up on your FASHION, HOME and FAMILY sense. Start playing to-day by answering these questions.

HOW smart are you—fashionably as well as mentally? How well up in the rules that go to make good clothes?

How clever at picking on the good and bad points in your and other women's clothes? It's not enough to know what you like when you see it; you must know why you like it—and if you are right to like it anyway.

The eight questions here put a spotlight on the fine feathers of fashion; take the feathers out one by one, so to speak. If you can answer them all straight off, then you are very smart indeed; if you can answer only some of them, then you'll learn some pretty useful points from the others. But don't cheat and look at the answers first.

1. If you had a dress like this in almond green wool with four pockets, short sleeves and slightly swing skirt, which of these six hats would you choose to go with it?



8. Now that people are wearing evening dress again you have decided to get one new one to cheer up yourself and your friends. Which of these would you, and should you, go for? Why?

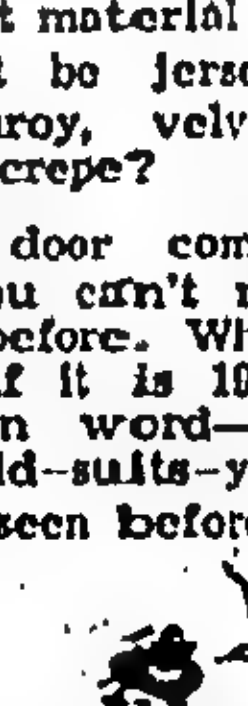


2. Here's one of the smartest of this season's suits. Look at the swing from the unpressed pleats in the cherry red wool skirt; look at the clipped fit in the red and grey and black tweed jacket. Now just what type of girl could wear this suit—and why? (Answers to be physical, not psychological.)



5. I am looking for "odd little frock"—one I can wear to the office in the morning but also carry on out to dinner in the evening. I have found a pattern like this, with a central panel front and back, with a skirt plain in front, fairly ruffled full at the back.

6. Mrs. Jones next door comes out in a suit you can't remember her wearing before. What points will tell you if it is 1940 and the last fashion word—or merely one of her old suits—you don't happen to have seen before?



THE ANSWERS

To Questions Above

1. 31st, 2. New Zealand, by the death of Michael Savage. 3. Quarter-Maitre. 4. Prince Obolensky. 5. The Royal Academy Exhibition. 6. Uthman Singh. 7. Sir Louis Dane, Lord Zetland, Lord Lomington. 8. Richard G. Casey. 9. Not quite two rounds. 10. That he could write to Peter himself. 11. Uthman Singh. 12. Uthman Singh. 13. Dartmoor. 14. The roll. 15. Yes, Cambridge. 16. Australian and New Zealand. 17. El Cierro. 18. The Northamptonshire Regiment. 19. Emily Zola—to enable certain Ministers to attend. 20. April 23.

BRIDGE BAFLE: South made three aces, one diamond and one heart. West could not prevent this. Had East kept the queen of hearts, South would have discarded the king of hearts and made another diamond.

3. Whereabouts on a dress comes a (a) peplum, (b) jabot, (c) flounce, (d) bertha, (e) snood, (f) corsage, (g) gore, (h) décolletage?

4. Tall, thin Betty Macgregor bought herself (rather too hurriedly, I'm afraid) this striped frock striped—practically startlingly too, in red and green and

pale blue. Now, facing facts and the criticisms of oh-so-truthful friends, she realises that it elongates her absurdly and makes her look all too tent-like. But she can't afford to buy another dress so soon. What can the poor girl do?



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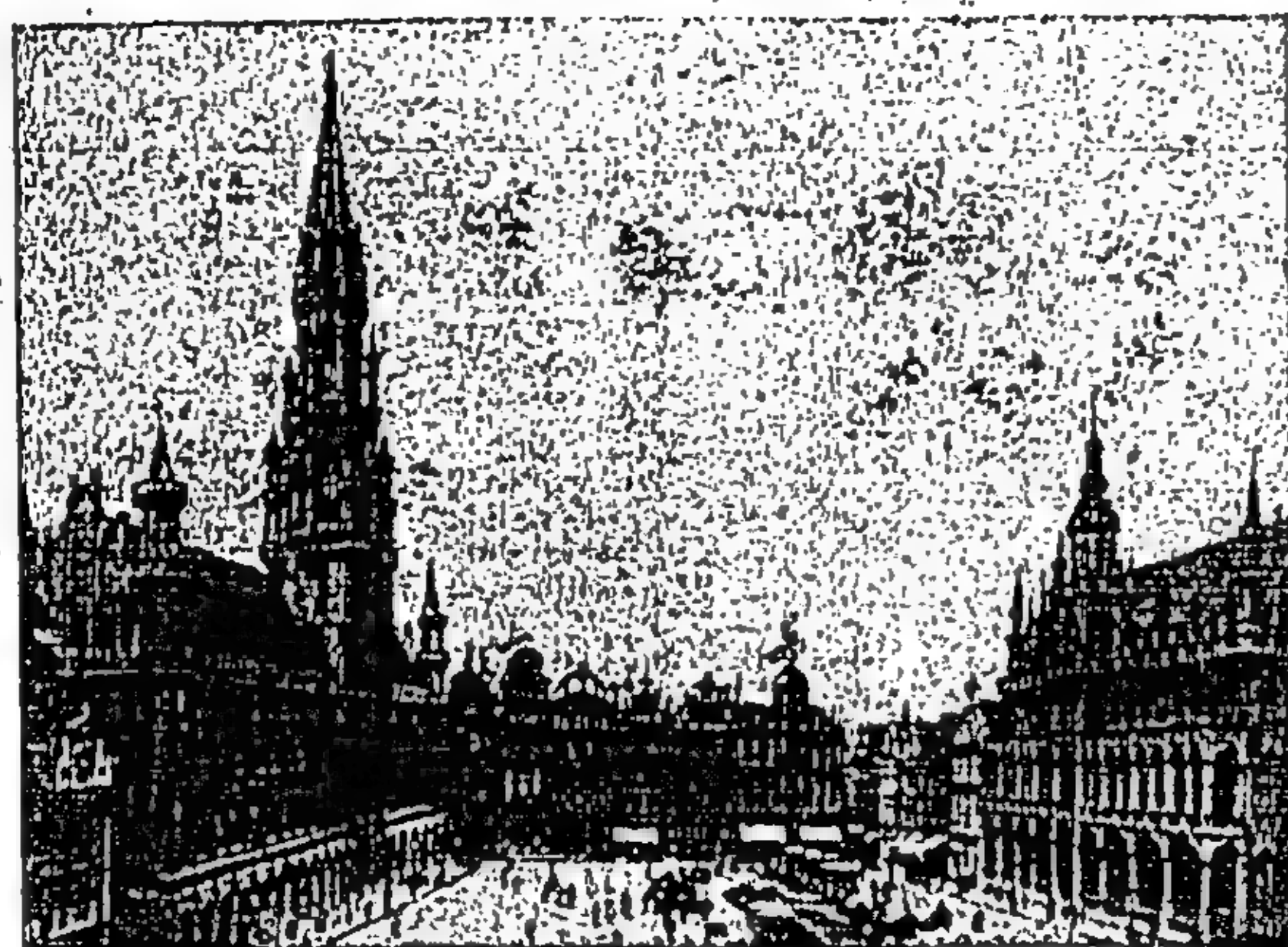
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 17 (UP).—General Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces, has issued an Order for the Day which is reminiscent of the famous "Backs to the Wall" declaration by Field-Marshal Douglas Haig in the last world war.

General Gamelin, in a gravely worded Order, declares that the catchword to-day must be "Conquer or Die."

Here is the text of his statement:

"The fate of our country, the Allies and the destiny of the world is bound up in the battle now taking place. English, Belgian and Polish soldiers, and foreign volunteers are fighting on our side. The British air force is engaged up to the hilt like our own. As always in the critical hours of history, the watchword to-day is 'Conquer or Die.' We must conquer."



BRUSSELS—Grand Place

POSITION ON WESTERN FRONT GRAVE—"REUTER"

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—It was learnt here from authoritative quarters this afternoon that the position is considered grave and that the German armoured divisions have broken through the French lines and penetrated some distance into French territory.

The place which they have broken through is not the real Maginot Line but is an extension covering the Belgian frontier, which has been built in the last 12 months.

The dent in the line has now become a bulge.

The German successes are mainly due to the new technique in clearing ground by heavy tank attacks, supported by low flying bombers.

In this respect, authoritative quarters say that the British Air Force has already put up a magnificent show.

R.A.F. Superior The German aeroplanes have avoided conflict whenever possible and man to man and machine to machine the British Air Forces are definitely superior.

It is thought that this was possibly due to the lack of petrol in Germany and therefore the lack of practice for the German pilots.

The Germans, according to latest reports this afternoon, had gained considerable ground and on points have won the first round.

But it was only the first round and statements in both London and Paris were equally confident of the ultimate result.

The future line of German attacks is uncertain. It might be in the north west to cut off the Allied communications or in the south west.

But meanwhile the French are gathering their resources to strike at both flanks of the bulge and there is reason to suppose that the German armoured divisions have already run out of their supplies of petrol.

Authoritative quarters in London estimated to-day that five-sixths of the total petrol supplies in Holland were destroyed before the Dutch surrendered.

Three other enemy aircraft were shot down when attacking a town in which the R.A.F. was quartered.

Light anti-aircraft batteries defending R.A.F. aerodromes brought down at least ten German planes in the last two days.

The announcement adds that the German High Command to-day gave the Allied losses of aircraft at 1,402. It is thought that they must have published their own losses in error.

Despite these heavy losses into the German air force fighting strength, it must be understood that their reserves are considerable and they will be able, for a time at least, to sustain their efforts.

There has been intense activity in the B.E.F. area to-day, repeated and determined attacks on mechanised columns. The enemy were supported by strong fighter protection; nevertheless our bombers inflicted great damage in low-flying attacks.

Supporting the French army, Blenheims made a sortie to attack a key position at Gembloux and encountered a large formation of enemy fighters and intense anti-aircraft fire.

R.A.F. Lost 11 Planes Eleven of our fighters failed to return. R.A.F. fighters at dawn intercepted nine Dorniers about their aerodrome.

Suppliers of Ship's Stores All corporations, companies, firms and individuals who carry stocks of ship's stores are requested to register their names with Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Controller of Trade, at the Imports and Exports Department, Fire Brigade Building, within this coming week.

Should a scheme be introduced later in which the licensing of suppliers of ship's stores is enforced, only those whose names are registered will be allowed to supply ships with ship's stores under permit.

In to-day's issue of the Government Gazette, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Controller of Food, issues an order that the standard price for Longevity sweetened milk is 12 cents per 2½ oz. tin.

Mr. L. G. Morgan and Mr. C. L. Clarke have been re-assigned from the General Group for Essential Services to the Combustion Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve. Mr. R. L. Barkus has been re-assigned from the Key-Posts Group to the Combustion Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

INVADERS NOW WITHIN 25 MILES OF RHEIMS: "SERIOUS", SAYS FRENCH

PARIS, MAY 17 (REUTER).—THE MILITARY SITUATION ON THE WESTERN FRONT REMAINS VERY SERIOUS, ALTHOUGH THE IMPRESSION THIS AFTERNOON IS THAT THINGS ARE SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN THEY WERE ON WEDNESDAY.

A French military spokesman to-day said that the Germans had resumed three attacks at dawn yesterday in three main directions as follows:

- 1.—Against the positions held by the British troops in central Belgium, notably at Louvain.
- 2.—Into the large salient driven into France, north of Sedan.
- 3.—At Sedan itself and south of it.

500 SQUARE MILE SALIENT

For the immediate present the most serious is the second drive north of Sedan. This is between Sambre and Rethel, which is about 25 miles south-west of Sedan and about the same distance north-east of Rheims.

A French communiqué issued this morning indicated that the Nazi salient here is from a line some 50 miles long along the frontier and extends anything up to 10 miles into France.

IMPORTANT SALIENT

A French military spokesman said that this was an important salient. The first thing to do is to run a ring round the salient and curtain it by sending units to take up positions to stop further advances.

Then one must make up one's mind whether to counter-attack here or to counter-attack elsewhere. That job is for the High Command, he said.

He indicated that good progress had been made towards curtaining the enemy's advance positions.

Massed Tanks and Planes Nothing is yet known about yesterday morning's attacks. It is reliably reported that the Germans again used massed tanks with bombing planes in close support.

The losses which the enemy must have suffered during the last few days cannot possibly be estimated but there is every reason to believe that they must have been heavy.

The whole of the operation seems to have been a desperate gamble in which the Nazis are flinging all their strength into the fray regardless of losses.

Compared With Verdun Some quarters compare the battle of the Meuse with that of Verdun in the last war.

The battle at Verdun lasted a considerable time and they say that the present battle may go on for days or even weeks with varying fortunes on either side.

South of Sedan, where there is no comparable break-through, the Germans yesterday resumed the heavy attacks of the night and day before.

A French military spokesman, indicating the fierceness of the fighting, said that the woods and villages had been taken and re-taken during the day. Some of them changed hands about five or six times.

French Communiqué PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué says: "To-day the German attack developed on a massive scale, not only in Belgium but in the regions of Avesnes and Vervins. On those fronts the enemy engaged the greater part of his heavy tank divisions. The battle took on the aspect of a veritable melee. Further to the east, the enemy attacked in the region of Sedan and Montmédy without success. In close collaboration with the Royal Air Force, our aviation continues its energetic and efficacious action against land troops, road junctions and railways."

While assuring the protection of our troops, our fighters were engaged in numerous encounters in the air. Many enemy planes were brought down. In the present circumstances of open warfare it is not possible to know the exact numbers.

Personal Triumph PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—It is learnt that the Germans have launched a very violent attack north-west of Rethel at the base of the pocket formed by their thrust into French territory.

The Nazis have also launched two other attacks, neither of which was pushed to any depth, one against the Dyle line east of Brussels, which is held by the British, and the other south of Sedan.

Details of the attacks are not yet received.

Assistance for Industries Roosevelt Statement To Pressmen WASHINGTON, May 17 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt told a "conference to-day that the Government would assist private industry in extending aircraft industries. The Government might even construct new factories but would not operate them."

In order to avoid the bottle-neck due to the limited capacity of the machine tool industry, the President said that the Government might take over the machine tools which foreign individuals offered.

Shortly before President Roosevelt spoke, the War Department asked Congress to remove the existing legislative limit of 6,000 planes in the Army Corps as the first step towards building up the Force to 50,000.

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BRUSSELS ENTERED, SAYS NAZI CLAIM

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BERLIN, MAY 17 (UP).—THE GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE ENTERED BRUSSELS. A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE NAZI HIGH COMMAND TO-NIGHT READ: "AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH POSITIONS SOUTH OF LOUVAIN, GERMAN TROOPS THIS EVENING MARCHED INTO BRUSSELS."

According to DNB, the official German news agency, Nazi troops have reoccupied Louvain and have also reached parts of northern France.

German reports from the front adopt a jubilant tone. Says one: "The German successes in France are sensational. Our troops have broken through the Maginot Line in the south from Metz to Garignac along a 60-mile front. Thus the steel and concrete defence ring with which France was encircled on her eastern frontier has been burst."

Staggering Achievement Another Berlin message says that well-informed military sources there have described the alleged breakthrough on a 60-mile front as a staggering achievement of German arms.

However, they express caution and indicated that this does not necessarily mean the beginning of a decisive and final German victory on the Western Front.

Nazi military chiefs confess that the French can now be expected to launch a desperate attack from the south against the German flank as it swings to the north, recalling a similar manoeuvre by the famed French "Faidherbe" army in the first world war when they attacked the right flank of the German forces swinging south-east of Paris, and defeated the Germans in the battle of the Marne.

Nazis Probable Manoeuvre Neutral experts now believe that the Nazis will probably attempt to swing in a great arc to the north towards the English Channel, enclosing forces on a large scale—many of which are believed to be British—in north Belgium and the northeast corner of France.

These observers point out that the magnitude of the German successes is emphasised by the fact that they first took Namur and broke through the Allied lines between Namur and Sedan after a great tank battle west of Dinant, after which they drove on through the northern extension of the Maginot Line into France.

If the expected French counter-attack on the German flank does not materialise, or is not successful, it is expected that the Allied forces in north Belgium and northeastern France will fall back to a really desperate position, with the Germans attacking from the rear and crushing them against their positions along the Dyle River, through which the Germans, coming from Liege and Maasticht, have already forced a breach south of Wavre.

Govt. Leaves Brussels BRUSSELS, May 17 (Reuter).—M. Van Der Poorten, the Belgian Minister of the Interior, has left the city.

PLEASE Turn To Page 12.



Germans Lost Thousand Planes In First Week

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that it is believed the German air force has lost over 1,000 aircraft since the invasion of the Low Countries.

The Air Ministry states that to the losses in the Low Countries must be added losses in Poland and Norway.

R.A.F. bombers again raided military objectives in western Germany last night and many direct hits were obtained in these operations. None of our aircraft was lost.

Attacks were made by medium bombers on enemy transport and petrol reserves round Sedan and several fires broke out.

Nazi Troops Bombed During yesterday enemy thrusts in the Meuse Valley were fiercely and successfully attacked. Pontoon bridges were blown up, roads were blocked and marching troops were bombed and machine-gunned.

The enemy were hampered and harassed at key points and the mechanised units received heavy casualties.

There has been intense activity in the B.E.F. area to-day, repeated and determined attacks on mechanised columns. The enemy were supported by strong fighter protection; nevertheless our bombers inflicted great damage in low-flying attacks.

Supporting the French army, Blenheims made a sortie to attack a key position at Gembloux and encountered a large formation of enemy fighters and intense anti-aircraft fire.

R.A.F. Lost 11 Planes Eleven of our fighters failed to return. R.A.F. fighters at dawn intercepted nine Dorniers about their aerodrome.

Suppliers of Ship's Stores All corporations, companies, firms and individuals who carry stocks of ship's stores are requested to register their names with Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Controller of Trade, at the Imports and Exports Department, Fire Brigade Building, within this coming week.

Should a scheme be introduced later in which the licensing of suppliers of ship's stores is enforced, only those whose names are registered will be allowed to supply ships with ship's stores under permit.

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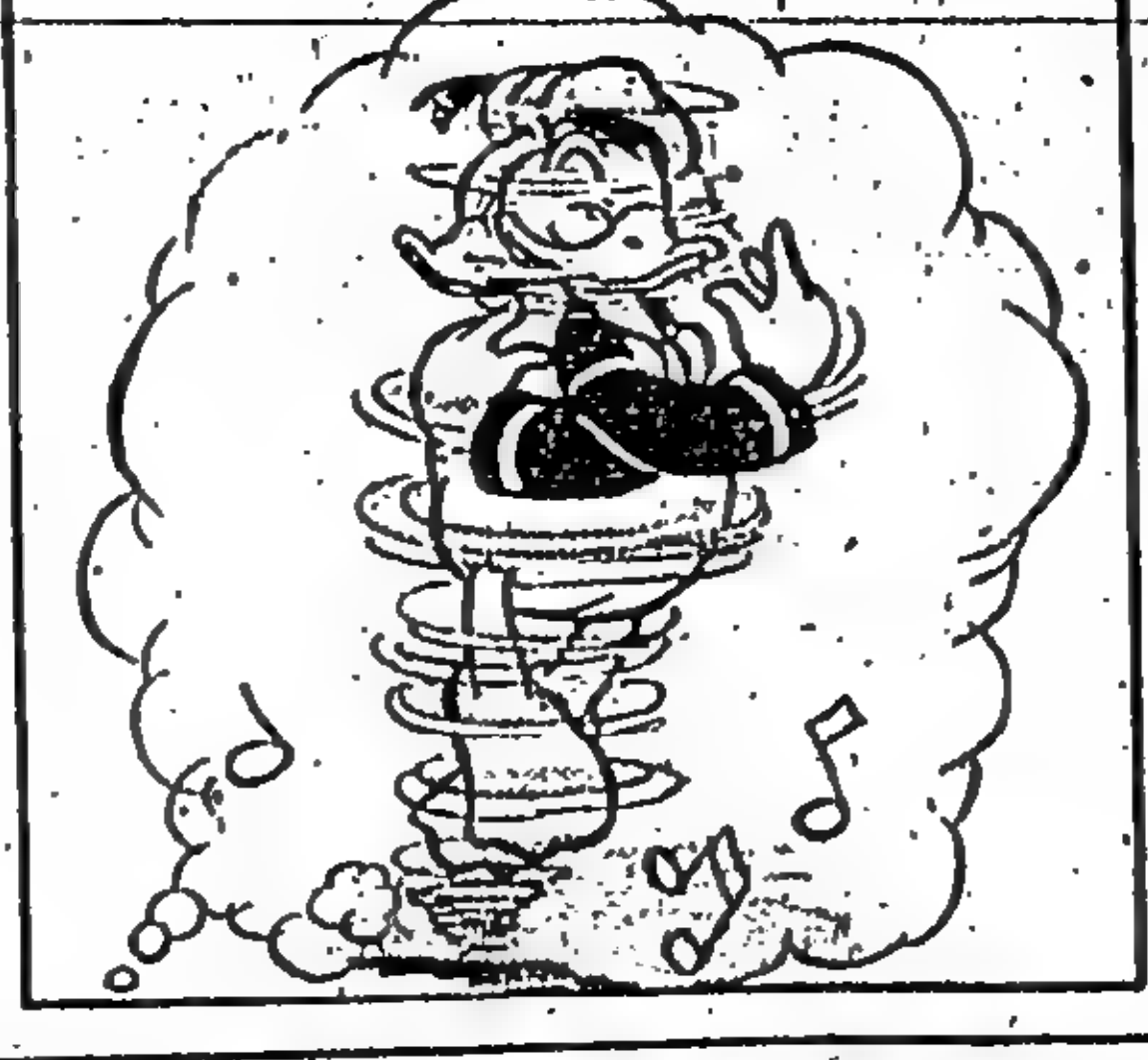
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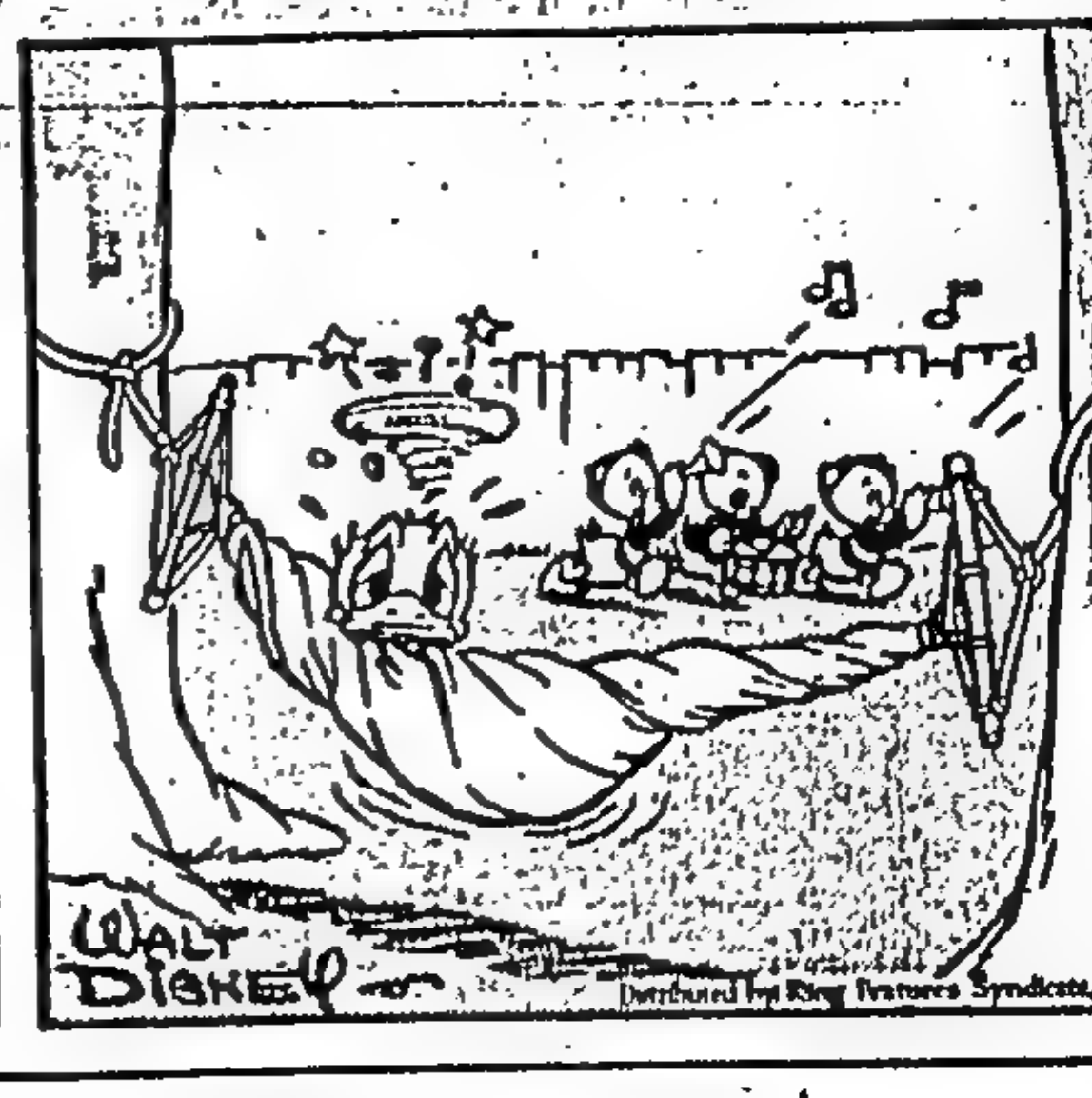
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The War In Norway
BRITISH
AIRCRAFT
ATTACKAllied Troops Still
Working Together

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that naval aircraft attacked enemy fuel supplies in the Bergen area yesterday.

Destruction of fuel tanks at Storgaapyn was completed. Two fuel-tanks at Strudshaven were blown up and a further two at Kharven were set on fire. All our aircraft returned safely.

Nazi Garrison Shelled
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The Allied and Norwegian troops are now working together near Mosjon. The latest Norwegian communiqué issued announced that two Nazi planes have been shot down in this sector and that the Allies have withdrawn somewhat.

Further north, the Allies have taken up positions only two miles from Narvik on the other side of the fjord.

The German garrison at Narvik has been shelled by British warships. The Allied use of tanks has achieved excellent results. The Nazi attempts to drop supplies by parachute have failed.

Halifax's Assurance
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—"We shall continue to press vigorously forward with the object of capturing Narvik and so establishing a secure base for the Norwegian Government," declared Lord Halifax to-day.

He made this statement when speaking at the inauguration of King Håkon's Fund for relief in Norway at the Mansion House.

"When that object is achieved," he continued, "we shall take counsel with the Norwegian Government and see in what way the situation can be developed to our mutual advantage."

Allies Advance
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—A War Office communiqué on Narvik says that Allied forces have continued their successful advance in the Bjervik area and have occupied the north shore of Romblaks Fjord above Elford.

Parties of the enemy have been seen withdrawing eastwards towards the Swedish frontier.

Our troops have shot down two enemy aircraft.

Apology To Sweden
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The British Government has expressed its regrets to Sweden over the accidental dropping of bombs by a British plane on Swedish territory near Narvik on Wednesday.

Redress Will Come Soon

Confident Speech By Belgian Minister

BRUSSELS, May 17 (Reuter).—M. Van Der Poorten, the Minister of the Interior, said the present situation, without being so grave, reminded them of the first weeks of the last war.

"We shall soon be taking part in the same redress as then," he added. The Minister appealed to those responsible for arms to extend to their compatriots their protection and devotion.

Appeal For Unity
"Be closely united as brothers. Our thoughts are with so many families ruined, dispersed, decimated, and those whose homes are burned and have to face the troubles of tomorrow."

"Belgium will defend her independence to the end, knowing that without it her country is as nothing. With her independence re-conquered, all our hopes will be renewed."

REFUGEES FLOCK TO PARIS

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—So many refugees are arriving here that the main northern entrance to the city was closed to-day to all other traffic. The United States Red Cross has sent \$20,000 to help these Belgian and Dutch refugees.

Norwegians
In Hongkong
To Join Up

Norwegians in Hongkong between the ages of 21 and 45, must register for military service.

This information is contained in a report from London by "Reuter," stating that a Royal Norwegian proclamation was issued yesterday to the effect that all Norwegians abroad between the ages of 21 and 45 must register for military service. Those in Norway between the ages of 21 and 35 are instructed to proceed to the northern districts for immediate service.

More Aussies
In Palestine
Luxury Liner Becomes
Transport Ship

CAIRO, May 17 (Reuter).—A famous luxury liner was among the transports which yesterday brought the second contingent of the Second Australian Imperial Force to Egypt.

The men are proceeding to areas in Palestine. The master of one of the ships which took part in the transport said: "I have never seen a more efficient or speedier movement. How well the secret has been kept is shown by the fact that the first word the world heard about the men's departure from Australia was when they arrived in Egypt yesterday morning."

"Welcome" Messages
Lord Caldecott, the Dominion's Secretary, sent them a message of welcome which read: "At this critical hour your arrival gives us all encouragement and is a very welcome demonstration that Australia will be there."

Mr. S. M. Bruce, the Australian High Commissioner in London, also sent a message. "You have come to take your stand with Britain and her Allies. You have the great traditions of the first great Australian Imperial Force to inspire you. I am confident that you will play an honourable part in achieving final victory," read his message.

Second Contingent

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The second contingent of the second Australian Imperial Force has arrived in Egypt. The contingent is commanded by Major-General I. C. McKay, who won high distinction in the last war with the Australian Imperial Force both at Gallipoli and in France. Mr. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, said in Canberra to-day: "The arrival of the second contingent of the Australian Imperial Force again emphasises the Allied command of the sea. There are no doubts in Australia that our men would fight courageously and strongly wherever called upon. The arrival of the second contingent of our soldiers tell England and France—we were by your side when war began and we are with you to the end."

The Dominions Secretary has sent a message of greetings to the troops. He says: "At this critical hour your arrival gives us great encouragement and it is a welcome demonstration."

Mr. Bruce, the Australian High Commissioner, said: "You have come to take your stand with Britain and her Allies with a great tradition. I am confident that you will play an honourable part in the final victory."

Will Fight Courageously
CANBERRA, May 17 (Reuter).—The arrival of the second Australian contingent in Egypt again emphasises the Allied command of the sea, said Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister, to-day.

"There is no doubt," he said, "that the men will fight courageously and strongly wherever they may be called to serve."

"The arrival of the second contingent of our soldiers," he went on, "tells England and France, in the clearest manner that we are by their side when the war began and will be with them at the end."

ENTERTAIN
VISITORSAntipodean Association
To Co-Operate With
Naval Reservists

THE PRESENCE in Far Eastern waters of nearly 1,000 Australian and New Zealand naval reservists was the subject of chief interest at the annual meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association, which was held in the Gloucester Building yesterday evening.

"The meeting unanimously decided that the future activities of the Association should be devoted to socially co-operating with the naval visitors, who are to be invited to join the Association as Associate members."

An enlarged Committee, headed by Mr. A. W. Hughes as President and Mr. S. T. Williamson as Vice-President was elected.

Invitations are to be sent to the personnel of the R.N. ships carrying Australian and New Zealand reservists to elect delegates to attend the Association's Committee Meetings.

Socks Matched
The Association has decided to obtain a matched which will be available at any time for naval personnel, and the Press was asked to make known to the public the Association's desires in this matter.

Subsequent to the General Meeting the new Committee held its first meeting and decided to arrange a function, at which naval Reservists will be guests of the Association, on next Saturday.

The following is the new Committee: Mr. A. W. Hughes (President), Mr. S. T. Williamson (Vice-President), Mr. R. J. McNeill, Hon. Secretary; Mr. G. Stokes, Hon. Treasurer; Miss E. Kelly (Convener, Ladies' sub-Committee), Mrs. H. Buxton, (Convener, Ladies' sub-Committee), Dr. R. G. Shannon, Mr. L. Anderson, Mr. D. Murdoch, Mr. N. Stockton, Mr. J. Wolfe, Mrs. F. Neill, Mrs. White, Mrs. A. W. Ingram, Miss J. Findlay.

Martial Law
In HollandNew Measures By
Triumphant Nazis

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—According to the German-controlled Hilversum radio, martial law is decreed in the occupied parts of Holland.

The announcement is accompanied by a list of severe penalties for specified "crimes," including assisting civilians to escape from the German-occupied areas or giving information prejudicial to German interests.

The rate of exchange is fixed at one and a half marks to one guilder. The military authorities' receipts must be accepted for purchases over 500 marks.

Dutch troops will be employed in repairing damage.

BAN ON CANTON
CARGOES

The Hongkong Government has placed a ban on imports of cargo into the Colony from Canton. This is contained in a "Gazette" notification this morning, which says that under the powers conferred by the Importation and Exportation Ordinance of 1915, the Governor in Council prohibits the importation of cargo from Canton by steamer or motor vessel, until further order.

Indian Prince's
War Gift

SIMLA, May 17 (Reuter).—The Nizam of Hyderabad has offered Lord Linlithgow, the Viceroy, £50,000 for the maintenance and equipment of the Hyderabad air squadron, for which the Nizam had previously given £100,000.

It is stated that the squadron has already taken toll of enemy aircraft.

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the Vickers aircraft factory and the Vickers supermarine organisation have been brought together under one management.

Mr. W. F. Gilbert, M.A. (Oxon) has been appointed to be an Engineer, Public Works Department.

LETTERS

To The Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

dear master editor
I ave bin receivin a lot ov letters from people wot sez I dont rite proper langwidge. they sez my gram-mar is bad—poor ole gal sez klicked the bucket avagin havin sunlessens from a teacher wot I got from the adverts in the little ole mornin post an columme shes a little bit of orlight she kin tork ori sorts of langwidges an she knows sum good wuns abart may west

corlovaduck yu as ter lern a lot of flings in grammar I flnk ori noospapper blokes should ave sum first yu as ter lern nouns sum of wich is proper an sum yu must say at all, an abstract noun is one wich yu cant hear see tuch or smell a collective noun is watepaper basket

a interjockshun is wot a bloke does wen e is too fritted to make grammar. I erd a bloke in ml bank say a interjockshun the uver day wen the clerk give lm is check back wiv robert donats inishuls on it

figurative langwidge is wen yu meen chicken an sez chandeler (french fer rooster)
then yu as ter lern genders wich shows wever a bloke is masculin femnin or neutral. neutral is wot little ole mussolency is but e alint sure wot side e is neutral an

a metafor is lurfing up yer sleeve an a conjunkshun is the place where two railway lines cum together
an answer noun is trowsis wich is a funny wun because they are plural at the bottom and singlar at the top the plural of ox is oxigen

femnin fer batchlor is lady in waitin and the first person is ndum mi teacher is also teechun me sum french an wun day I will rite yu sum letters in french if yu would like sum french is a very andy langwidge and oil the cuss words meens animals yu can corl a bloke evrying in a blinkin farmyard hors derves is a french word meenin out of work

hors-de-combat meens war horse
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an fairy an mister editor, inky pinky parleyvoo

yores trewly orbert legs

Restrictions
On Holders Of
Securities

British subjects in Hongkong, holding securities in Canada, America, the Argentine, Belgium, France, Holland, the Netherlands East Indies, Norway, Sweden or Switzerland, must not carry out transactions in connection with those securities which creates a charge thereon without the permission of the Governor.

This is revealed in an order issued in the "Gazette" to-day. The order also states that every British subject who owns such securities, must, within 21 days, make a return to the Financial Secretary setting out the particulars of all such securities and the place or places in which they are held.

In the event of a holder being absent from the Colony at the present time, a return must be made within 21 days of his return. However, in the order published previous to to-day's order, there is no necessity for another return to be filed.

STOCK EXCHANGE
STEADIER

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange was steadier to-day though trading was quiet. Some of the leading issues improved. Egyptian and Far Eastern bonds were stronger.

There was no selling despite the immminence of the weekend.

Wall Street was easier after a period of firmness.

ARMS FACTORY
BLAZE

GIBBETOWN, N.J. May 17 (UP).—Another mysterious outbreak of fire occurred in the dynamite warehouse of the Du Pont de Niers armaments factory here.

The outbreak occurred in the yard where two men were killed in an explosion several months ago.

After the first explosion, fifty guards were added to the staff of the plant.

NAVY'S
SPLENDID
WORKRescue Of The Dutch
Royal Family

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The story of the naval operations during the invasion of Holland was disclosed this afternoon.

The navy had three objects—to assist the refugees, to lay mines and, where possible, to assist the British troops ashore.

British warships were despatched to the Belgian coast immediately the invasion occurred. They faced a terrific air bombardment.

In some cases the gun crews were firing from dawn to dusk at the German planes.

A force of British soldiers was landed to support the Royal Marines and assist the Dutch to deal with the parachute troops and fifth columnists.

Magnetic Mines
The Germans had been laying magnetic mines at the entrances to ports and the British minesweepers were immediately sent to clear a passage.

The minelayers left within two hours of receiving orders to proceed to Holland and had completed the task within five minutes of scheduled time.

The Navy received call after call for assistance. They removed the Dutch Royal family to safety. The destroyer carrying Princess Juliana and her babies had a narrow escape when a magnetic mine was dropped 40 yards ahead of her. It exploded with a terrific detonation.

The Navy also brought to Britain a diamond merchant who had volunteered to go to Amsterdam to collect millions of pounds worth of diamonds.

A British officer who had been sent to Amsterdam to collect securities brought them to the coast where a destroyer brought them to England.

Where the German forces broke across the Zuider Zee, British motor torpedo boats were sent on a hazardous journey across the North Sea through canals to the Zuider Zee.

A naval officer told how he met Queen Wilhelmina and asked whether he could help her. Speaking quite steadily she said that she would like to go to Flushing but did not know the way.

Within ten minutes she was walking slowly up the gangway of a British destroyer en route to Flushing and then to England.

Oil Supplies Fied
Another officer described how when the British naval forces were withdrawing he assisted in demolitions at the request of the Dutch authorities. Men were sent to Rotterdam to set on fire the oil supplies. These were seen burning 50 miles out at sea next morning.

An old 12,000 ton liner was scuttled to block the harbour entrance. Lockgates were shut, everything which could be used by the enemy was wrecked before the navy left.

Naval officers saw German-Jewish refugees bombed and machine gunned by German planes as they were attempting to reach the ships.

"I was very deeply impressed by the cheerful calm confidence, bearing and conduct of the personnel of both the Navy and the Marines," reported one of the officers in charge of operations. "Their work was indeed beyond all praise."

MR. CHURCHILL
VISITS PARIS

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill visited Paris on Thursday, it is now learned, to confer with the French Government.

The visit was made after receipt of reports which enabled them to get a full appreciation of the military situation.

Mr. Churchill took his military advisers with him and had conversations with M. Reynaud, M. Daladier and General Gamella.

Violent German Attack
PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, had one of the greatest triumphs of his career when he visited Paris yesterday, according to well-informed circles.

It continued until late in the evening and it is stated that he made an extraordinary impression, every body being struck by his firm decision and determination.

SHOOTING DRAMA
AT OXFORD
UNIVERSITY

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—A shooting affray in the quadrangle of University College, Oxford, has resulted in the death of an undergraduate, C.F.L. Moffat, and the wounding of two others.

Four shots were heard as the undergraduates were coming from the hall.

The gates of the lodge were immediately closed and the Police were summoned.

Undergrad Charged
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—J. H. Fullsames, a first-year undergraduate of University College, Oxford, appeared before the Magistrate of Oxford to-night on a charge of murder in connection with the shooting at the College to-day.

He was committed to the next Court on Tuesday.

Nazi Air Raid
Described

15,000 Inhabitants
Trapped, Slaughtered

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—First-hand experience of a German raid on an open town was telegraphed by "Reuter," a special correspondent on the Franco-Belgian frontier.

The town, with its population of 15,000 inhabitants swollen by some 20,000 refugees, could not possibly be considered a military objective.

Streets Filled With People
The correspondent, with colleagues, took cover on the ground beneath the bell tower while at least 40 bombs fell around, and from the railway station, where hundreds of refugees were camping, came thick clouds of smoke.

It was impossible to ascertain the number of casualties, but the streets were filled with refugees who could not have had time to escape.

Second Raid
A second raid followed almost immediately and as the correspondents were leaving the town, ambulances were rushing past, carrying the victims to hospitals.

Sheets of flames and thunderous explosions formed their last glimpse of the stricken city.

REFUSES PARTY
LEADERSHIP

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister in a letter to Mr. Neville Chamberlain states that as Prime Minister of a National Government comprising three parties, it would be better for him not to undertake leadership of any one political party.

Mr. Churchill expresses the hope that Mr. Chamberlain's leadership of the Conservative Party will remain undisturbed.

Composition Of Govt.
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The composition of the parties in the Government as the result of to-night's appointments is: Conservatives, 42; Labour, 10; Simon Liberal, 4; Opposition Liberal, 4; National and Independent (including Sir John Anderson, Sir Andrew Duncan, Lord Hankey, Sir John Reith, Lord Woolton, Lord Beaverbrook and Sir Arthur Salter), 7; and National Labour, 2.

Evacuating The Children
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Some thousands of children from the eastern outskirts of London, who had previously been evacuated to Suffolk, are now being re-evacuated to Wales this week-end.

10,000 To Be Moved
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Ten thousand children are involved in the transfer to South Wales.

They also include children from midland towns.

They will be received in churches, schools and other buildings pending their accommodation in private houses.

ASSURANCE
BY JAPANWon't Send Troops To
Dutch East Indies

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP).—Following a conference with Mr. Cordell Hull to-day the Japanese Ambassador told pressmen that Japan would be satisfied if the status quo of the Netherlands East Indies continued.

He understood that British and France adhered to the same view. Japan, he said, would not send any troops to the Dutch East Indies if the Allies refrained from action of this nature.

Japan wanted a continuation of normal trade with the D.E.I. As long as this continued, Japan would not be concerned if the Indies increased their shipments to the Allies.

Decorations
For Daring16 R.A.F. Heroes Win
Recognition

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Many daring exploits have gained for officers and non-commissioned officers awards for gallantry and devotion to duty. Twelve Distinguished Flying Crosses and four Distinguished Flying Medals were awarded in the latest series of Air Ministry bulletins.

Outstanding Deeds
Among the outstanding deeds was one in which an officer, compelled to land owing to shortage of petrol on the return flight from Warsaw, found himself in a small field in Germany. Despite the difficulties, he managed to take off again and save the aircraft and the crew.

One non-commissioned officer obtained a direct hit on a submarine in the Heligoland Bight. One officer landed in Norway despite very bad weather—all the time—and persistent bombing attacks.

Navigator's Feat
In another instance, the navigator of an aircraft engaged in special night reconnaissance, took control when the Squadron Leader was wounded and the controls and instruments were damaged. He brought the damaged aircraft back over 450 miles of sea.

H.K. FUND FOR
DISTRESSED
BELGIANS

A fund for the relief of Belgians suffering from the hardships of the German invasion, has been opened in Hongkong, according to an official statement issued by M. H. Vander Streuten, the Consul-General for Belgium.

The fund has been opened at the Banque Belge pour l'Étranger, under the name of the Belgian Red Cross Fund.

The object of the fund is to collect donations to be remitted to the Belgium Red Cross as has been done in Shanghai by the Belgian Embassy. Donations can be made either to the Banque Belge pour l'Étranger (E.O.), at 120 Rue de la Banque, or to the Belgian Consulate-General, second floor, French Bank Building, 5 Queen's Road Central.

Donations will be gratefully received.

MORE TAXES FOR
U.S. SUGGESTED

WASHINGTON, May 17 (Reuter).—The realisation is spreading that President Roosevelt's defence proposals yesterday are but a beginning, and some political observers declare that Treasury officials are privately discussing the expediency of an additional ten milliard dollars for defence before the end of 1942.

As Congress begins to attack the problem of passing the new defence programme, the Press is busy reminding the nation that the new armaments must be paid for. The most widely suggested means is through a greatly increased income tax.

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, May 17 (Reuter).—A proclamation by the Governor declaring that Curacao is still Netherlands territory, the main dependence of which will be maintained by force of arms against aggression, was read at a special session of the Legislative Council.

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By the Rt. Hon. VISCOUNT HALIFAX LIBERTY THE ISSUE



LORD HALIFAX

WE are under no illusion about the war.

We know how great are the issues of the liberty and independence of our own country and Commonwealth, and of all European States.

Nether do we underrate the strength of our enemy or the sternness of the struggle upon which we are engaged. We realize that to secure victory in that struggle will require all the energy and all the resolution that we can command.

There is a profound difference between a dictatorship and democracy in this business of making war. The dictator enjoys great initial advantages. His preparations and his policy can be made in complete secrecy. But the people have no part in that policy. They do not know what it is. They cannot place themselves in opposition to it, and therefore the actions of a dictator appear to the outside world as the expression of a single will. In a democracy there is no surrender of private judgment. There is no suppression of outside contacts, and there is no sinister control by a secret police, and undoubtedly that increases the difficulty of any Govern-

ment in the time of preparation and planning. But when trouble comes the fact that the people know and the people have approved in the decision reached with the overwhelming force of free judgment and united will.

It is just that unity of moral purpose which Herr Hitler rates so low which will be, if I mistake not, the principal cause of his defeat. The strain of modern war is very great, and there is no doubt in my mind, and I think there will be none in yours, that it will be borne more easily by the man who is in it from conviction than by the man who is in it by coercion.

There is no need to recall in more than a sentence the history of the last years, during which Europe has watched and waited and wondered, much as we wait through the sultry, heavy days of summer for the breaking of the storm. I became Foreign Secretary at the end of February, 1938, and within a fortnight of my going to that office the German Army marched into Austria. Two months later, in May, there was the crisis over the alleged preparations of Germany to attack Czechoslovakia, and whatever may be the exact truth of those days, the immediate anxiety aroused was the measure of the extent to which even then the German Government had succeeded in

destroying the confidence of Europe, and all through the summer the operation of the new familiar technique was going on by way of preparation for the real offensive which culminated in the crisis of September, 1939.

The Munich settlement gave Germany all that she immediately wanted. In applying that Agreement I think it is true to say that every contentious point was decided in Germany's favour, and yet it became clear at once that Herr Hitler was profoundly disappointed. In private he inveighed against the Agreement and against those of his advisers who had stood on the side of peace. In public he began within a few days to attack this country in speeches, and German newspapers that were closest to the Ministry of Propaganda in Germany launched a violent campaign against this country. It became rapidly evident that Herr Hitler, in fact, objected to the way of procedure by settlement through negotiation and that if we are to judge by all the evidence, he actually resented having been balked of a war over Czechoslovakia.

During several stages of the discussions which preceded Munich, Herr Hitler made it quite clear to those taking part in them that he was anticipating with relief the opportunity of chastising Czechoslovakia, and I have no doubt that he was also disillusioned because he hoped that after Munich we should be lulled into security and would close down on our own rearmament, making no attempt to compete with Germany, with the consequence that Germany would have been left in possession of what Hitler himself has called the mightiest armaments that the world has ever known, without a competitor, and in that position he could have made himself the dictator, not only of Germany, but of Europe.

But there was some reason to hope that, having vented his annoyance, he would nevertheless abide by the settlement which he had signed; but we all know, of course, what happened. Within six months of the signature of that Agreement, in spite of many solemn promises, he annexed the remainder of that unhappy State, and it was the forcible incorporation of millions of men and women of another race that showed the world as in a flash that there was no question of German rights, but something that was the symptom of his real purpose—German domination—that struck at something very deep in the hearts and minds of the British people the world over.

It is certainly true that that instinct of our people has always, throughout their history, driven them to resist attempts by any one nation to make itself master of Europe. They have always seen in any such attempt a threat both to their own lives and to the general course of liberty in Europe, and I have no doubt at all that the history of the nineteenth century proves them to have been right.

Just look back. During that time, thanks to the command of the sea, the power of Great Britain was unchallenged, and it was no coincidence that that century—the nineteenth—saw a great development of liberty throughout the world. There is, I think, no more striking instance to be found of the different uses to which great strength can be put than that provided by this country and by Germany. No small nation has ever regarded our sea power as a menace to its orderly and legitimate development.

Not so with Germany, for no sooner had the land and air forces of Germany regained their strength after the last War than a kind of trembling began to run through the smaller States of Europe, and all Germany's neighbours felt not only their liberty but possibly their very existence threatened by it, and, therefore, I say without hesitation that if the British people have been right as they have been in resisting domination by any one Power in Europe, they are doubly so right to-day.

The occasions of war are not, of course, always their fundamental cause. It is true that the case of aggression on Poland was covered by our formal commitments to Poland, but it was not Poland in itself, but the whole picture of German policy, as by then it had been revealed, that first of all caused that commitment to be honoured with practical unanimity in this country, when the time came.

It has been suggested that we might perhaps have stood aside and have allowed Germany to do what she liked in the East and South-East of Europe, and that we might have reached an understanding with Herr Hitler by which Germany would have been allowed to have her way in those parts of Europe which, for geographical or economic reasons, occupied for her special importance and in which, therefore, she was entitled to plan special interest.

But once it became clear that the purpose of German policy was domination by absorption of non-German people, then it was, to my mind, overwhelmingly plain, that we were once again faced by the identical challenge to history no amount of Herr Hitler's assurance could disguise.

EDITORIAL

THE Blitzkrieg was a week old yesterday. What have the Germans accomplished in that week. They have another three enemies. The vast overseas resources and merchant marine of one—Holland—is now at the disposal of the Allies. Every neutral neighbour knows that the fate of the Scandinavian and Lowland countries may be theirs. Hitler's circle of sympathisers grows less.

HOW can Holland aid the Allies now she has been overrun? Study these figures: The Dutch East and West Indies are two of the world's richest colonies. They have a total area of 700,000 square miles, rich in oil, minerals, food, and with a population of 61,000,000 (seven times the population of the Motherland). Holland's navy, still intact, has three cruisers, 2 destroyers, 19 submarines.

UNTIL Friday last week, few of Hitler's neighbours worried about "Fifth Columnists." Every German in every country in the world is now viewed with suspicion. The reaction to the invasion of Holland and Belgium has been instantaneous; frontiers have been manned, internal precautions have been adopted, suspicious "tourists" have been expelled. There is now no such thing as a "peaceful neutral."

MUSSOLINI may enter the war. But what of it? When we went to war with Germany in September did we expect to fight Germany alone? It was a "foregone conclusion" then that Italy would be a belligerent, and there was more surprise at Mussolini's policy of "non-belligerence" than there was at, say, the conclusion of the Russo-German Pact. Mussolini has sat on the fence for at least eight and a half months.

BELGIUM is by no means conquered. In the last war she was overrun in four weeks and in five weeks the Germans were knocking at the gateway of France. The Kaiser was ready for the triumphant entry. The Great Retreat from Mons had eaten into the soul of the gallant Old Continentals, who contested every inch of the way across Flanders' bloody fields until the new B.E.F. could come to their aid.

SINCE Friday last week, Hitler has thrown every ounce of his power into Belgium and Holland. He has sought a Blitzkrieg victory and in eight days all he has gained has been the strip of territory east of the River Meuse and a salient into France at Sedan. His generals, 25 years ago did much better than that with the aid of an air force or mechanised units. Don't forget that the initial advance in every battle goes to the initiator. But so do the initial losses. For every six soldiers England, France and Belgium have thrown into the fray, Germany has thrown ten. This initial strength is possible because, defensive forces cannot know where the blow is going to come and their troops must be scattered over a wider front than the aggressor. But the Allied losses in man-power are proportionately less. The German losses, for the reason that the Army taking the offensive always pays more dearly. This was proved in the last war when the aggressor in the big battles lost an average of twice as many men as the losers.

UNLESS Hitler can gain a quick victory in France his Blitzkrieg has failed. To win the war he must avoid positional fighting. He can only keep going as long as there is enough space for his mechanised units to operate. Once the stalemate of trench warfare comes—as it must—when the present Nazi drive ends—Hitler is doomed. The invasion of Belgium and Holland was the act of a desperate man—a man who cannot afford any longer to fight the war on the economic front.

PROFESSOR BANSE, the Nazi military expert who was the author of the plan which Hitler last week put into effect, warned in the extracts from the book now appearing in the "Telegraph" that a war of attrition or stalemate would be fatal for Germany. In almost uncanny fashion, Hitler has successfully carried out the strategy evolved by Banse for invasion of Poland, Norway, Denmark, and Holland. But Banse's plan failed in Belgium. It did not take into account the extent of Belgian resistance, something that was also instrumental in the failure of the Belgian plan, upon which the invasion of Belgium and France in 1914 was based.

Which is just another way of saying

THUMBS UP

Germany, Russia and Italy are a trinity of totalitarian states, but they are not a trinity in unity.

There are those who are shocked when it is suggested that the similarity between Communism and Nazism is so striking that they are almost indistinguishable. Lovers of Russia are haters of Germany, while admirers of Mussolini can see nothing in common between him and his rival—Stalin, except that each is the idol of his people.

There is no doubt that Germany, Russia and Italy have much in common, but they also are bitter rivals in many respects. Russia and Germany are neighbours and each covets the territory which lies on its borders. The Balkans and the Baltic are where German and Russian interests clash, and it is impossible to believe that those two countries will ever really come to terms. The traditional antagonism is as great and unbridgeable as that between France and Germany.

IT is not so much the ideological differences that separate these peoples. It is something more elemental—the demand for Lebensraum. Germany wants the Ukraine, where wheat grows so abundantly, and she also wants control over Rumania, where oil flows so freely, but in addition to these ambitions, Germany wishes to control the Baltic in which Russia has once more concentrated her power to the detriment of Germany.

The enforced withdrawal of the old wealthy German families from Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia was a very severe blow to German prestige.

It exposed her weakness as it revealed Russia's strength, or, at least, her superior bargaining power.

Obviously Germany resented this and could not, except temporarily, accept this proof of her inferiority. It was Russia's advance in the Baltic and her conquest over Finland that forced Germany to advance up the other arm of the Baltic.

Now all these moves are clear and logical, but the moral price that Germany has paid for her advance up the Baltic is one that can never be recovered.

The United States which can be regarded as a detached onlooker, comprising within herself as she does all the representative nations of Europe, has not hidden her opinion of this last act of violence. Germany's betrayal of the Baltic States stands out in her eyes in marked contrast with the refusal of the Allies to be a party to such a plan with Russia.

GERMANY'S invasion of Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium still further emphasises the depths to which German methods have sunk so that it is impossible to find in any neutral country a reputable apologist for Hitler and his government.

The Germans seem to have succeeded in forfeiting the respect due to every neutral state except Italy, whose position is now so difficult, that she does not know where to turn or what to do.

Gradually Germany is retreating from Russia, just as Russia is naturally growing more suspicious of Germany. To remove the menace to Leningrad from Finland

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



Weekly Commentary By "The Scrutineer"

DISUNITED TRINITY

the insignificant, peaceful state, by a costly war, and to find the threat increased tenfold from Copenhagen under German rule is not what Russia wanted.

Germany, however, thought the war in Finland showed that the Russian Giant had feet of clay and could be treated with the same contempt or indifference as in 1914.

Germany then hopes that Russia will fulfil the duty allotted to her of supplying the air and the sea, but she does not want her military assistance, as it might embarrass her. If Russia can be cajoled now into being a docile economic partner, then Italy might be courted because she has a fleet and an air arm, is nearer to the Allies, can inflict much damage on them in the Mediterranean, and is likely to prove an asset rather than a liability.

IF Mussolini falls into that trap, he will prove to be the most foolish of the dictators. His success up till now lies in that of the others has been gained by threats and by victories over weak and helpless opponents, in Abyssinia and Albania.

Mussolini has done very well out of the axis, but here is every reason why he should remain satisfied with his achievements rather than jeopardise them by engaging in war with the Allies.

Unlike Germany, Italy has an overseas Empire, in which she has great pride. It consists of Libya, Ethiopia, Somaliland and the Dodecanese Islands in the Aegean. It is not possible to believe that she can retain these in face of the overwhelming Allied naval forces in the Mediterranean which support the very considerable army from Australia and other parts in Palestine and Egypt. Modern naval battles depend to a certain extent on the spirit of the forces and not only on the weight of armament, but no one has ever suggested that the British Navy has lost its daring

or its skill. The battle in the River Plate certainly proves the contrary. Italy is definitely inferior to the Allies in both categories. But it is said Italy has an air force and it is because Mussolini is convinced that the air arm is to play a decisive role in this war, that he feels inclined to take the plunge. He is not likely to find the Allied forces deficient in this respect, for the Empire air scheme is the product of turning out of pilots and machines at a far greater pace and of a higher quality than Mussolini can hope to equal.

The great weakness, however, of Mussolini lies in his following. The Italian people have been whipped up into militant ecstasy during the past fifteen years. Abyssinia and Spain gave scope for the outlet of that enthusiasm. The former was a war of conquest, pure and simple, while the latter was, in the eyes of Italy, a sort of religious war against Communism.

In both cases the Church was able to bless the soldiers and the colours and send them off in good heart. Can the Church do the same in this present case?

ITALY has a strong historical sense which Mussolini has stimulated by his continual references to the Roman Empire. In that history Italy has little or no German affiliations, but many with Great Britain. It will not be a united Italy that will cleave to the former and become the enemy in war of the latter. It was because there was a half-hearted mood among the Italian people in the last war that defeats and retreats were conspicuous from time to time. It is not likely that the heart of Italy will be in this war, for she is not threatened by the Allies.

If she joins in on the side of Germany, then an important route to Germany will be shut off, her colonies will be lost, her ships will become prizes of war, or will be scuttled, and as a nation she will be crippled.

How to Keep Cool When the Heat Waves



The editor must have a very poor opinion of our readers. "Write about heat waves," he said. "They're in the fashion now." He talks like that.

"WHAT the devil can I write about heat waves?" I asked.

"Oh—er—just heat waves and all that. Anyhow, get on with it."

Ah, well... heat waves (time off to walk up and down the floor a bit).

The history of heat waves goes very far back and traces of mummified heat waves have been found in Egyptian tombs. No. That's no good.

It has been noticed that the incidence of heat waves or periods of intense heat occur mostly during the summer months (now we're off in northern latitudes).

In the temperate zone, heat waves do not occur. That's why people remain temperate in those zones.

Some people, of course, own their own zones. (If you say "own their own zones" two hundred times, you go sound asleep. Try it!)

They can turn a temperate zone into a hot one by carrying a bottle on the hip—or by having a well-stocked ice-chest.

Personally, I am not averse to heat waves. I have a natural propensity for lassitude, cool drinks and general exhaustion, and during heat waves this goes unnoticed. In cool weather when everybody is hurrying about the place doing things, they point at me and say, "Look at that lazy brute!"

It is quite natural to show signs of fatigue on a hot day, but somehow my boss doesn't seem to understand. If I'm doing a bit of

fatiguing with my feet up on the desk and a cushion at the back of my neck he starts asking me what I think he's paying me for.

How the devil do I know? Fancy asking a man a difficult question like that when he's half asleep.

Heat waves can be treated in various ways. Personally, I find that lying on the floor of the bathroom watching the shower pour is fairly soothing. Walking about the house in your pyjama pants and singlet is bared at our place.

That's why I'd like to stay at a boarding-house run by a broad-minded landlady. Most of the landladies I've stayed with have been broad, but not in the mind.

I seem to have slid off the subject of heat waves. I got chattering away—you know how it is.

HEAT WAVES!
The heat wave is frequently responsible for mistakes, prickly heat, rashes and hot rhythms. They were invented by a Phoenician ice-cream vendor in the year 850 B.C.—strangely enough.

Mysterious Origin

SINCE writing that bit about "strangely enough" I have been called to the phone and I have forgotten what it was about. I'll skip it if you don't mind.

About these heat waves, and to blazes with them, where they be-

long! They are caused by solar reaction on the upper substrata which generates nebulous cross-currents at the zenith and all points west.

There is no known cure for them although I have discovered a palliative which is a simple preparation of orange juice, crushed ice and gin.

I regret to say that my distinguished relative has been thrown out of Germany for asking Doctor Goebbels for a couple of pfennigs

for the upkeep of the Jewish Chess Club in Palestine.

It was rash of him, but we all get a rash of some kind at some time or other.

Getting back to this heat wave business again, I have found a way of enjoying it.

You just go and sit in the hottest place you can find. When you are two degrees from total collapse, eat a cucumber.

I did this and finished up in a lovely air-conditioned hospital with ice-packs on me. It was glorious.

This is pay day for me. My programme on this day is—

- (1) Dodge the wife.
 - (2) Eat of lead asparagus.
 - (3) Pint of lead lager.
 - (4) Take collar off.
 - (5) Take shoes and coat off.
 - (6) Put forehead in wash basin.
- Remember, there is one final hope. If many visits to the bar still leave you feeling hot, you can assure yourself of a cool reception at home.

I am now going home—deviously.

FLIMSIES AND THINGS!



YOU HEAR IT, EVERY HEAT-WAVE—
"WHY DON'T MEN DRESS LIKE WOMEN?"
—WELL HERE GOES—

IT'S A WONDER YOU'RE NOT ASHAMED TO BE SEEN OUT WITH ME IN THIS OLD FROCK!

"TARNATION! —A LADDER!"

"I GOT IT AT A BARGAIN SALE! —ONLY THIRTY SHILLINGS, MARKED DOWN FROM TWENTY-FIVE!"

"YOU BEEN AT MY LIPSTICK AGAIN, YOU YOUNG MONKEY?"

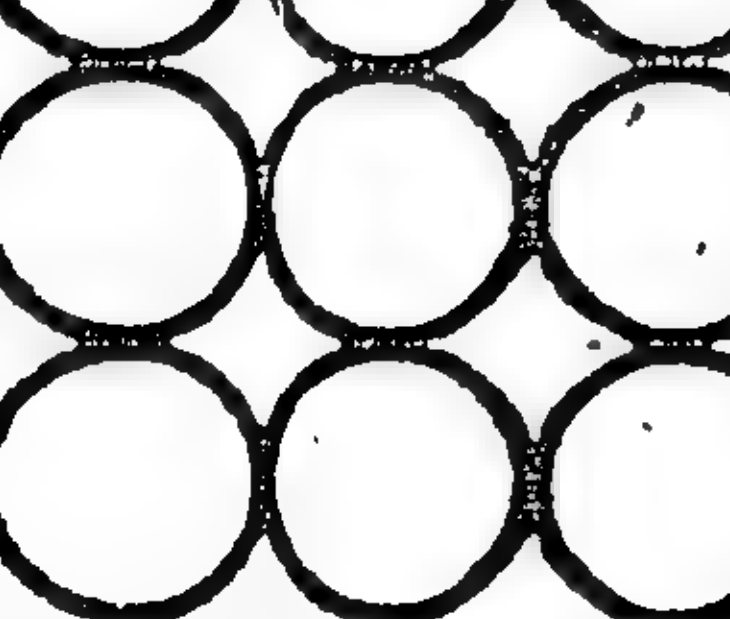
Brain-teasers

Here is the answer to last week's No. 1 Teaser

1. Here are nine circles, three red, three white, and three blue.

They are arranged so that each red circle touches a white, each white touches a blue, and each blue touches a red.

Just mark them off according to their colours. The answer will appear next week.



YOU'LL FIND THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING TEASERS ON PAGES 4 & 5.

2. What was the name of the famous musical comedy that was adapted from Bernard Shaw's play, "Arms and the Man"?

3. A lepidopterist is a student of (a) flowers, (b) insects, (c) fish, (d) foreign languages, (e) the Old Testament.

4. What is the name of the organisation that controls England's lighthouses?

5. Is it true to say that Brown- ing wrote the poem "How They Brought The Good News From Aix To Ghent"?

6. "Lillibullero" is the name of (a) A famous Italian pirate, (b) A town in Ireland, (c) Country name for a potent vegetable wine, (d) Popular song of the 17th Century.

7. Who succeeded Sir Ronald Lindsay last year as our Ambassador to the U.S.A.?

8. Which of the following holds the greatest amount of liquid—a kilderkin or a punchbowl?

9. What services do the following abbreviations stand for (a) N.A.S., (b) R.E.S., (c) E.N.S.A., (d) F.A.A.?

10. What famous British comedian played his original profession in a recent film?

11. Out of the 52 counties in England and Wales, which two combined are known as the "County Palatine"?

12. Is Helsinki in the north or the south of Finland?

BRIDGE PROBLEM

No. 3

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'Ribbentrop As Purge Victim'

NEW YORK.

A prediction that "1940 will bring purges in Germany, and that Von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, will be one of the 'unsuitables,'" is made by Dorothy Thompson in the New York Herald Tribune.

She also forecasts that the "National Socialist regime will encounter the strongest opposition from the women and farmers during 1940."

Dealing with the Allies' control of the seas, the New York Times writes: "There are good technical reasons for doubting whether Germany will accomplish anything with the 150-ton submarines which she is about to build."

"They would just about reach the lanes of Transatlantic traffic in mid-ocean when they would have to retreat. The harbours and estuaries of the British Isles are now so well mined, and the coast-guard so efficient, that not much can be expected from the activities in waters nearer home."—Reuter.



HONGKONG

UNTIL 1841 Hongkong was a group of desolate islands and peninsulas, occupied by a few fisherfolk and many pirates. Then the British took over the territory. To-day it is one of the world's greatest ports—the main trade gateway to China. Commerce, which is the main-spring of its growth, inspires the historical coat of arms.

The way to a lovely body

I have a hunch," moaned Betty Bead.
That Spring is in the air.
Yet I feel ill—I do indeed,
Sluggish and full of care.
For Life I do not give a pin
Whatever shall I do?
When summer is leucum in
How loudly sing cuckoo?

"Winter, my dear," said Miss D. Cooke
"Has made your blood run slow.
Given your eyes that dullish look
And made you feel quite low.
Get well the 'exercising way'.
(To grumble is no use).
To clear your blood drink twice a day.
A glass of orange juice."

EXERCISE
Take a light "skip jump" on the toes and swing both arms back (1). Hop high on left foot, bending right knee up and swinging right arm forward upward (2). Repeat the "skip jump" (3). Hop high on right foot, left knee and left arm up (4).
Do the exercise with bare feet or wear flat shoes, and repeat it eight times. Think of a jolly tune while you hop, to beat to each movement.
If you think you need an exercise for your special body bother, write to Dorothy Cooke, "Daily Mirror," Fetter-lane, E.C.4, and enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

by Dorothy Cooke

'TEASERS' ANSWERS

HERE are the answers to the Teasers in Column Two.
1. The Chocolate Soldier. 2. The Chocolate Soldier. 3. Insects. 4. Trinity House. 5. No. Browning wrote "How They Brought The Good News From Ghent To Aix." 6. A popular song of the 17th Century. 7. The Minstrel of Gotham. 8. A Bowler.

"It's a good thing"

she said "you're not like my brother."

He never makes friends with people."

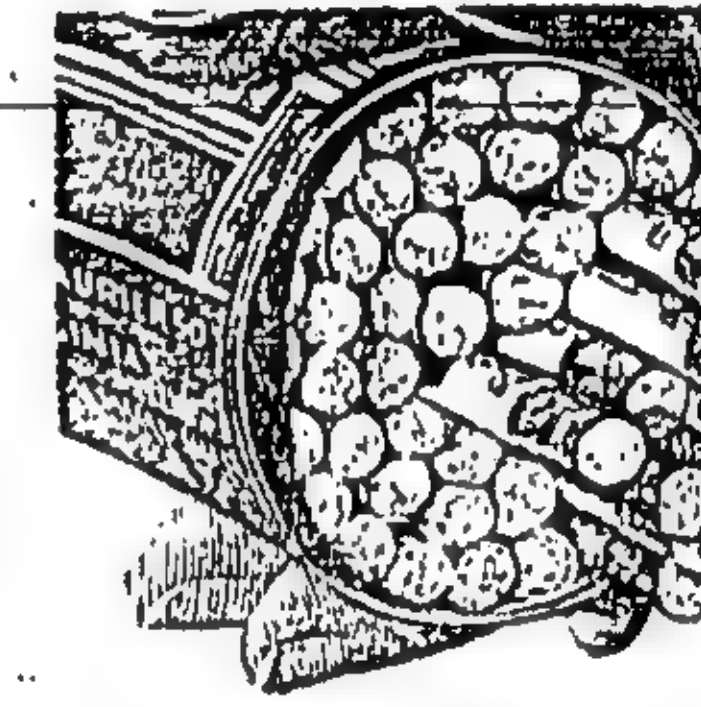
HE SAID

"I should say it depends on the people. Fate was very kind to me when I noticed you looking for a cigarette."



SHE SAID

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NO SURPRISE RESULTS

Stiff Task For Recreio "A" To-day Kowloon B.G.C. May Take Points

(By "Wick")

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAMME in the First Division of the Lawn Bowls League did not have as many close results as expected. Kowloon C.C. did well enough to hold Club de Recreio "A", the champions, to 12 shots, but other winning teams had plenty to spare at the finish.

Craigengower's Strength

The widest margin of victory was registered by Craigengower C.C. who, on their own green, defeated the newly-promoted Hongkong F.C. by 46 shots. The Craigengower green, as all local bowlers know, takes a bit of time to get used to, but it was not altogether the green that enabled the home men to win so easily. They were playing a brand of bowls which would have beaten a stronger side than the Footballers.

Even allowing for the fact that A. R. Dullah, probably their best skip, was absent from the team, it was surprising to see the Indians lose as badly as they did to the Kowloon B.G.C. at Sookunpoo. Very few teams got away with the points when they visited the Indians last year, but the usual accuracy which the Indians reveal on their own green was conspicuously absent last week. Every rink went down, and the home side found itself 33 shots in arrears when the match ended.

There was nothing to suggest, until very late in the encounter, that Kowloon B.G.C. would win so easily. At ten, they were only one shot up on the whole. A. R. Minu was two shots down to Adam Holland, A. K. Minu was four down to A. J. Hall, and M. R. Abbas was five up on George Sherriff. But the break was laid for the Indians, for Abbas scored only one shot to Sherriff's 25 after tea while the Minu brothers were unable to recover.

The younger Minu, A. R., was only one shot behind Holland when the last head was played, but he conceded a six on this end.

So far the Indians have not been able to field their strongest rinks. The demands of cricket have, to a certain extent, affected the composition of the team, and caused changes being made week after week. This afternoon for the first time they are able to turn out their three regular skips, and a change for the better may result. Their opponents are Kowloon B.G.C. whom they defeated at Hunghom last season.

WINNING by 18 shots last week against Civil Service C.C., the Police should chalk up their second victory this afternoon when they entertain Hongkong F.C. on their own green.

With the return of A. E. Carey to the side, Police have three well-balanced rinks and may cause an upset or two yet.

THE best game of the day undoubtedly is that between Kowloon B.G.C. and Club de Recreio "A". The match will be at Austin Road and should produce a high standard of bowls.

The champions have not been beaten for a long time, but I have a feeling that they will be very near to defeat this afternoon. Their opponents have shown great consistency this season and their three rinks have played well enough to justify a forecast in their favour.

THE remaining match in the First Division is that between the Civil Servants and Kowloon C.C. at Happy Valley.

The former already have a victory to their credit on their own green, but unless they show some improvement they will probably find the K.C.C. a bit too much for them.

THE following is the League programme to-day:

FIRST DIVISION	
Kowloon B.G.C.	v. Recreio "A"
Civil Service	v. Kowloon C.C.
Kowloon B.G.C.	v. Indian R.C.
Police R.C.	v. Hongkong F.C.
Craigengower	v. Recreio "B"
SECOND DIVISION	
Kowloon Tong	v. Craigengower
Police R.C.	v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Hongkong C.C.	v. Kowloon C.C.
Recreio	v. Kowloon C.C.
Taikoo R.C.	v. Civil Service
THIRD DIVISION	
Indian R.C.	v. H.K.E.R.C.
Prison O.C.	v. Craigengower
Kowloon F.C.	v. Hongkong C.C.
Hongkong F.C.	v. Kowloon B.G.C.

Cubs Blank New York Giants

NEW YORK, May 17 (UP).—The Chicago Cubs to-day blanked out the New York Giants and won their National League encounter by 4-0. The scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	4	7	4
New York	0	2	2
(Pascau pitched).			
St. Louis	3	7	2
Brooklyn	4	3	0
Cincinnati	7	12	1
Philadelphia	2	6	1
(Eleven innings were played)			

The Pittsburgh-Boston game was postponed.

League Tennis

KOWLOON C. C. BEATEN TWICE IN MIXED DOUBLES

BOTH of the Kowloon Cricket Club teams in the Mixed Doubles Division of the tennis league were beaten yesterday, the "A" team by the Hongkong C.C. 5-4 and the "B" team by the Chinese R.C. 7-2.

The scores were:

"A" V. HONGKONG C.C.
E. C. Fincher and Mrs. Williams lost to L. Goldman and Miss A. Taylor 3-6; best E. C. Fay and Mrs. L. R. Andrews 7-5; beat T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong 6-1.

E. C. Fincher and Mrs. Kovan lost to Goldman and Miss Taylor 3-6; best E. C. Fay and Mrs. L. R. Andrews 7-5; beat T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong 6-1.

G. C. Burnett and Miss B. Barker lost to Goldman and Miss Taylor 3-6; best E. C. Fay and Mrs. L. R. Andrews 7-5; beat T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong 6-1.

"B" V. CHINESE R.C.
Chinese R.C. beat Kowloon B 7-2.

S. A. Gray and Mrs. Sweeney, lost to Lee Wal-ton and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu, 2-6; lost to E. C. Fay and Mrs. L. R. Andrews 7-5; beat T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong 6-1.

E. Zulaut and Mrs. E. Zimmer lost to Lee and Mrs. Chiu, 2-6; lost to Kong and Miss Young, 1-6; best Hung and Mrs. Choi, 6-5.

N. A. E. Mackay and Mrs. Sturgeon lost to Lee and Mrs. Chiu, 3-6; lost to Kong and Miss Young, 1-6; best Hung and Mrs. Choi, 6-5.

GOLF SECRETARY SPEAKS OUT

Medal And Match Play—Amateurs & Pros Compared

NEW YORK (AP).—Joe Dey would one long leg around the other until he looked like a totem pole and reckoned that yes, there was no news.

Joe Dey is the under-cover man of the U. S. G. A. As Executive Secretary he just does all the work, but you can't find his name anywhere but in the telephone book.

He was asked casually why it might not be a bad idea to rate the first 10 amateurs in the same manner ratings are given in other sports, and that brought a question back that was a stumper.

"Why?" he asked. "Just for publicity fodder?"

The Walker Cup choices just about serve the same purpose, don't they? Nine players are selected, but we make no attempt to list them in order. We just put the names down alphabetically and let it go at that. I'd hate to try to list them 1-2-3-4.

"Yes, I've heard some suggestions for a Ryder Cup-Walker Cup match for charity. It would be interesting, wouldn't it?" Which was quite a frank statement for a fellow who isn't in much of a position to speak without getting together a quorum of committeemen to see that it was quite all right.

MISGIVINGS

DEY has his misgivings as to just how the amateurs would fare in such a match.

"Those pros are awfully good," he mused. "Of course match play is the amateur game, but the pros are more consistent. Funny, isn't it, how some players are fine match players and fold up in medal play? Just the difference in playing an opponent and cold figures."

"The really good amateurs, though, are good medal players too. Take Goodman, Jones, Quimet, Ward, for example. Ward always has been a fine medal player.

"You hear a lot about Bud Ward now, what a fine player he is. It's true, but if he hadn't won the amateur he'd just be another fellow who didn't win the open. He'd have won that if it weren't for a brace of fives on two par 3 holes.

"And speaking of good amateurs, don't overlook Ray Ellsworth. He was runner-up last two years in the National, and that's something."

AMATEUR RULES

DEY switched abruptly to a discussion of amateur rules as interpreted by the golf officials, the subject being brought up by the mention of Ellsworth Vines.

"Our rules are reasonable," he said. "A person may be a pro in other sports and still compete as an amateur golfer. We also permit pros and amateurs to compete together. They can't in tennis, although I understand the U. S. L. T. A. has suggested it a couple of times.

"But the rules also have teeth in them. We've done a lot of good investigating of charges of violation of the code, but we never publicise it. You'll notice that in our reports we list the names of players who are reinstated, but never those of players whose applications were denied.

"Accepting unauthorised expense money, and expensing on skill are the chief problems. Sure, I'm an amateur although I work for the association. In fact, I'm an amateur in every way, including playing."

"Yes," he concluded, "I'm sorry, but there's no news to-day."

Handicaps For Sixth Extra Meeting

HANDICAPS for the sixth extra meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be run at Happy Valley on May 25 are:

1—Carpentaria, One Mile—A Good Time 142, A Green Time 135, Brown Derby 125, Catterick Bridge 130, Grand Alliance 125, Maple Star 140, Piccadilly Jim 150, Princeps 125, Sea 125, Soa 125, Spring Shine 125, Surprise Again 145, Winnie 135.
2—Shing Man Handicap, B Class, Six Furlongs—Ave 145, Conquering Time 151, English Cavalier 101, Eve of Folly 144, Galaxy 155, Lumber 141, Peaseack 144, Red Feather 101, Rob Roy 140, View 140, White Feather 101, Rob Roy 140, Rose Emily 14.
3—Moreton Bay Handicap, D Class, One Mile—A Good Time 152, A Green Time 142, Brown Derby 152, Colorado Star 155, Dick Turpin 145, Flying 145, Income Tax 100, Murrumbidgee 140, Nancy Lee 145, Piccadilly Jim 100, Peconia 145, Schmitt 145, Uccia 145, Tarzan 145, Terling 145, Zedee 135.
4—Yangtze Handicap, One Mile—Atterbury Time 145, Blue Field 140, Emmer-tacking 145, Eve of Dancin' 140, Eve of Folly 145, Eve of Hunting 140, Eve of Peace 145, Higher 150, Jane Doe 140, Possible 105, Victoria 140.
5—Hervey Bay Handicap, A Class, From the 1/4 mile post, Albany 150, Ascot Bay 145, Conqueror 140, Contact 140, Courting Eve 145, Crilley 130, Devonian 142, Lanchester 140, National Victory 145, Peaseack 145, Peconia 145, Tornado Star 140, Vainly Fair 132, Viceroy 150, N.B.—11 top weight does not accept. All weights to be raised 5 lb.
6—Walstead Handicap, C Class, One Mile—Ave 145, Catterick Bridge 140, Comedy Star 140, Discovery Bay 140, Forehand Drive 135, Grand Alliance 142, Manx Star 140, National Victory 145, Ruling Star 145, Roddify 155, Snowy River 154, Spring Shine 142, Stratherrick 147, Violent 140.
7—West River Handicap, D Class, Six Furlongs—Ave 140, Bistre 140, Peaseack 145, Double Chance 140, Gold Coin 140, Golden Cow 140, Good Morning 144, Jack O'Lantern 145, Kut Cheung 151, Night View 140, Grand 140, First Hein 140, Soldier of China 150, Sunlight View 140, Talkative 140, Tim 144, Tiny Tim 140.
8—Great Light Handicap, B Class, Six Furlongs—Great Time 150, Annabella 125, Delby Day 145, Double Finesse 140, Princess Caro 147, Pumpernickel 140, Tevidale 145, Triumphant Day 100, Vixen 140.
9—Lantau Handicap, C Class, From the Two Mile Post, Once Round, In Advance Time 140, Atterbury Time 140, Blue Field 140, Blue Gate 141, Bronze Arrow 140, Commencement 140, Eve of Folly 145, Eve of Dancin' 140, Eve of Reason 140, Gladiator 105, Humber 140, Jane Doe 151, Lady Love 140, Measure Day 140, Laughing Girl 140, Little Princess 150, National Pride 140, National Success 140, Omaha 145, Pinfarley 145, Romeo 140, Rose Queen 140, Royal Highness 140, Salvage Master 140, Seaside View 140, Through 140, Sylvester 140, Tampa Bay 142, Taming Master 137, Thirty Six 150, Xenophon 151.

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National amateur—Sept. 9-14 at Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; entries close Aug. 18; sectional qualifying rounds Aug. 27.

National public links—July 22-27 at Rockham Golf Course, Detroit; sectional qualifying dates to be announced.

National women's—Sept. 23-25 at Del Monte (Calif.) Golf and Country Club; entries close Sept. 14.

Walker Cup—Town and Country Club, St. Paul; invitation has been extended to Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, golf's ruling body in Great Britain, but latter date holder has accepted and declined; little likelihood match will be played.

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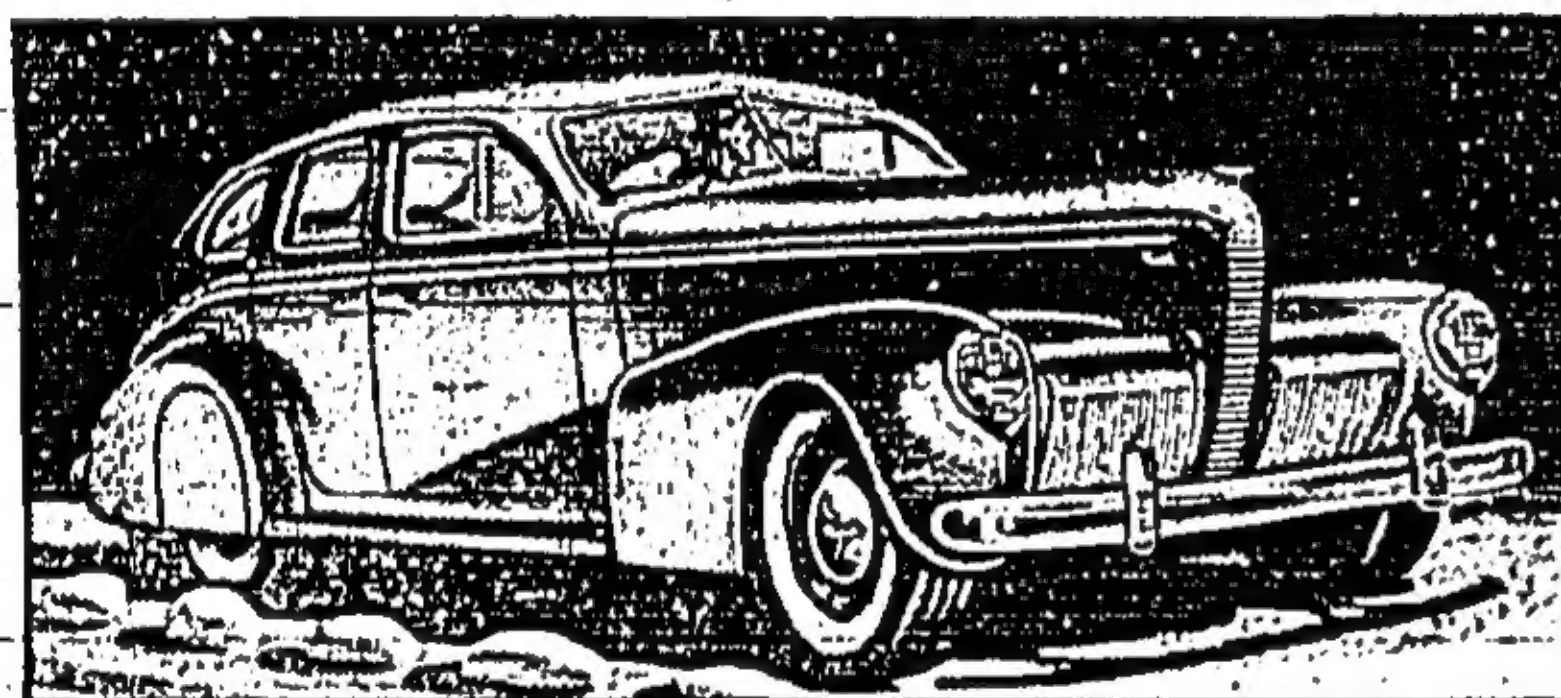
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R.A.F. CASUALTY LIST OF 145

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The latest R.A.F. casualty list contains 145 names, comprising 27 killed, 148 injured, nine previously reported missing, one died of wounds, 100 missing; eight wounded or injured; 90 missing; nine died; four, previously reported missing, are now reported to be prisoners of war.

NAZIS BOMB HOSPITAL

PARIS, May 17 (Reuter).—Newspapers report that German warplanes dropped incendiary bombs on a civil and maternity hospital at Chalons-sur-Marne. It is added that part of the township of Vitry le Francois is ablaze following the dropping of incendiary bombs.

LIFE AND DEATH—2.

WHAT is DEATH?

WE find no difficulty in speaking frankly to children about some very surprising facts, such as broadcasting and the roundness of the earth. We do not find it so easy to tell them about human reproduction and human death.

This means that we ourselves have psychological resistances which prevent us from thinking clearly about such matters.

Our ancestors identified life with breathing. "Spirit" is only a Latin word for breath. We are now apt to identify it with the heart-beat, and every time that a man or woman whose heart has stopped for a few minutes recovers again, someone writes that the dead have been restored to life. These views are far more materialistic than any which I hold. The heart is only a pump for blood, and the lungs a means of exposing it to air. We can already keep the rest of an animal alive for some hours with an artificial heart and lungs, and it is only a question of time before this is done with a man. One of the main difficulties is to prevent the blood from clotting in the artificial heart.

The facts about life are much more complicated. The opposite to a machine, which is built up of replaceable parts, is an individual, which cannot be taken to bits and put together again. Now man is a compromise between the two.

We can do a certain amount of replacement with spare parts, as when we transfuse a quart of one man's blood into another. But man is only to some extent a machine, so we cannot do very much replacement of this kind. And when we say that a man is dead we mean that his individuality has ceased, rather than that his machinery has stopped working, even though the two events generally go together.

Let me explain. When you are dead, I can take some of your white blood corpuscles and grow them in a suitable fluid, certainly for weeks, perhaps for many years. If I knew enough I could do the same with many of your other tissues. This is already possible with the cells of embryo chicks or rats. For some hours after you are dead there is still life in your body. But it is not your life, merely the life of your cells. If I had murdered you it would be no defence to point to a culture of your cells, and say that you were still alive. There would be life there, but not your life.

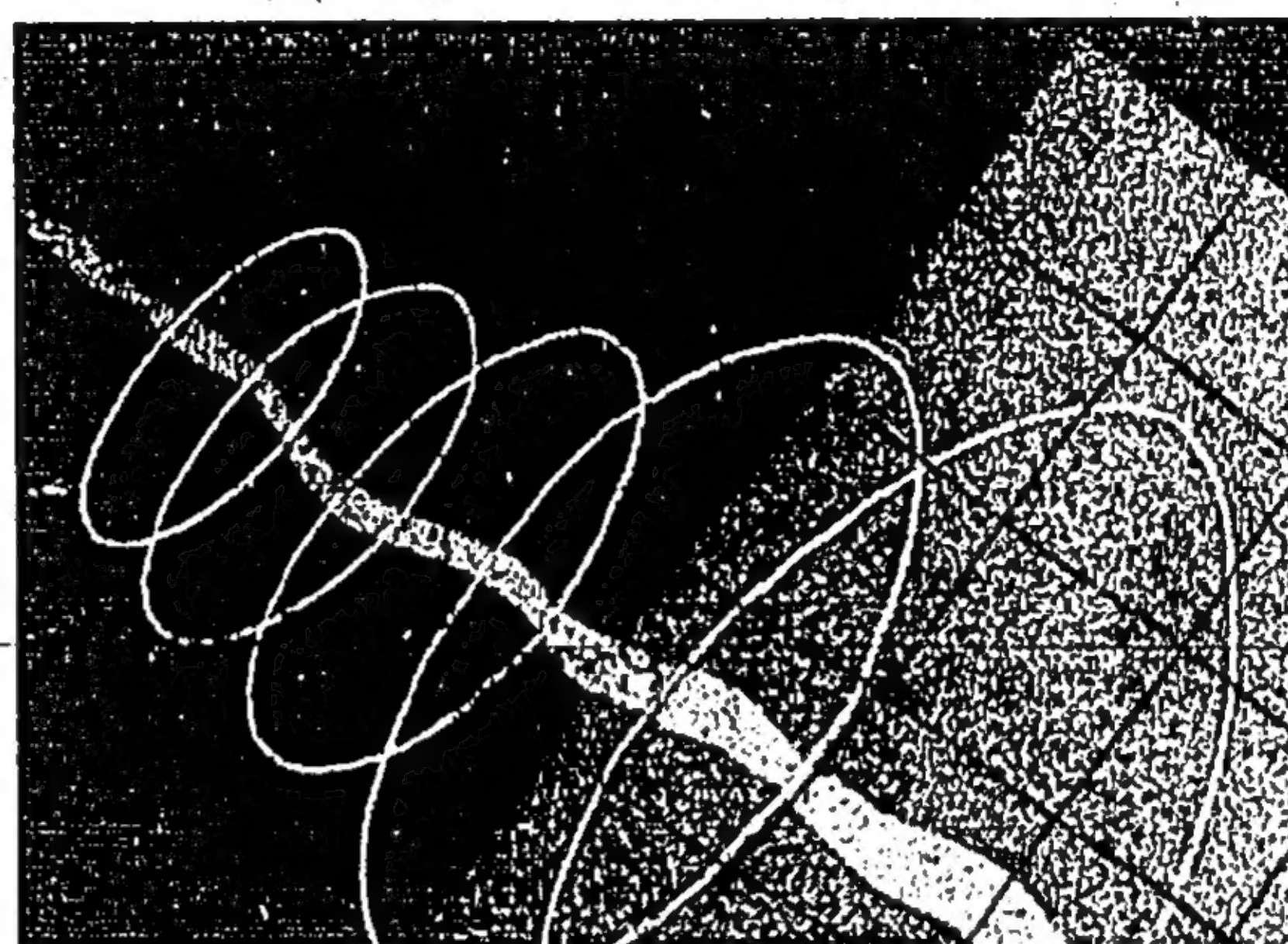
One can kill a rabbit by a blow on the neck and take out its heart. If the heart is kept warm and supplied with the right solution and plenty of oxygen it will go on beating for hours. The heart is alive, though the rabbit is dead. The same is true of human hearts, which have occasionally been taken out and kept alive for some time after their owners' death.

What is this individuality which comes to an end at death? Is it something outside the lives of the parts, and added to them, or is it just the unity by co-operation of these sub-lives? There is good reason to adopt the second view.

A tune does not consist of notes and a melody. If the notes are played—in the proper order, the melody is there. It has no existence separable from its parts. Twenty-two players may or may not co-operate to play a cricket match, but you certainly cannot have the match without the players.

One cannot reason so directly about a man because a man consists of a very large number of cells, about ten thousand million million, and no one of them is as essential to the life of the whole man as the bowler to the cricket match.

Just as England could carry on without any one man, or any thousand men, so could you, without any particular cell or thousand cells. But kill a few million key men, say all qualified locomotive, lorry, and car drivers, and England



by
J. B. S. HALDANE

would collapse into starvation and anarchy.

Against the theory that an indivisible something, the soul, leaves the body at the moment of death, is the experience of brain surgery. An American surgeon has studied the effect on several people, including his own sister of removing large parts of the front of the brain after injury or the growth of a tumour.

This causes no appreciable loss of sensation, memory, or muscular power, but there is a very real loss of initiative. One patient could look after her household on ordinary occasions, but could not order a large dinner; another could keep a simple job, but could not set about looking for a new one. "He will never make a revolutionary," says our author. If the totalitarian State proves success, perhaps this operation will be performed on everyone except dictators.

As the brain is destroyed the personality gradually fades out, until a baby born with no upper parts to its brain shows less signs of consciousness than a fish, let alone a rabbit or dog, though it may live for a year. If there is a detachable soul, it can certainly be detached bit by bit, and all that is specially human in it may be lost long before death.

To many it seems more reasonable to regard the soul as a function of the co-operating brain-cells, just as a concert performance of a symphony, which, like the soul, has a unity of its own, is a function of the co-operating members of an orchestra.

There are many ways of dying. In pneumonia, the inflamed lungs let through too little oxygen that the rest of the body is suffocated. In heart disease the heart may stop suddenly, or pump so inefficiently as to suffocate the other organs. In many diseases the part of the brain which sends down nervous impulses to the breathing muscles is poisoned, and breathing ceases.

But science knows nothing of a definite moment of death in most cases. After the last breath a few more minutes of life could generally be vouchsafed by artificial respiration. After the last heart-beat a surgeon could open the abdominal wall, and by putting his hand up into the chest and rhythmically squeezing the heart, kept the blood circulating for a short time. Death is usually a gradual process well described by the word "dissolution." After death of the body as a whole many individual cells live on for hours or days, till they die.

And is that all? For a man or woman whose interests lie in people and things outside themselves it is very obviously not all. Some religions promise an eternal

future life for the individual, though they do not offer a very cheerful prospect to those persons who are most interested in their own individualities. Other religions promise the ultimate extinction of individuality as the greatest possible blessing.

I have some sympathy with this view. If I live for another fifty years I expect that most of my acquaintances will be heartily tired of me, and I shall very probably be rather tired of myself. If we are to believe Freud, we all carry within us a secret longing for death, which at most times we repress below the surface of our consciousness.

It is not a hatred of life, but a positive desire. And as we grow older we may do well to allow it some measure of freedom. For it is the one desire which will quite certainly be satisfied.

On the other hand, my mind includes certain constituents (this is a "chummy" metaphor—but we can only speak of spiritual things in metaphors) which will no more perish with the dissolution of my individuality than will the atoms of which my body is composed. To however slight an extent, I have justice, courage, mathematics and human kindness, and after my death they will still be manifested in others for whom I shall make room. If these others are better than me I have no cause for complaint.

Death, then, as I see it, is the end of a particular pattern of material and mental happenings which are bound up with one another.

If the pattern was good and beautiful there is a cause for sorrow. But if, as sometimes happens, the end of the melody of life is its noblest and most beautiful moment, we may feel that "nothing is here for tears."

We need only pity the dying if they are in intolerable pain, or if their individualities mean so much to them that the prospect of their own end is an agony.

For death is not the end of life. It is only the end of my life or your life.

Switzerland All Ready

But Tension Thought To Be Relieved

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—After the Federal Council had examined the international situation at a long meeting this afternoon, a high Swiss officer declared: "No further military measures need be taken as the army is completely prepared, and at its war stations. Nothing remains to be done except await events patiently."

Authoritative circles here are pleased to note signs of a more peaceful orientation on the part of Italy. Political observers feel that an increased Power has recently been trying to test the Swiss nerves. It is thought that Switzerland might become endangered if the western front finally becomes static. Signs of Italy's interest in Swiss neutrality are still not lacking.

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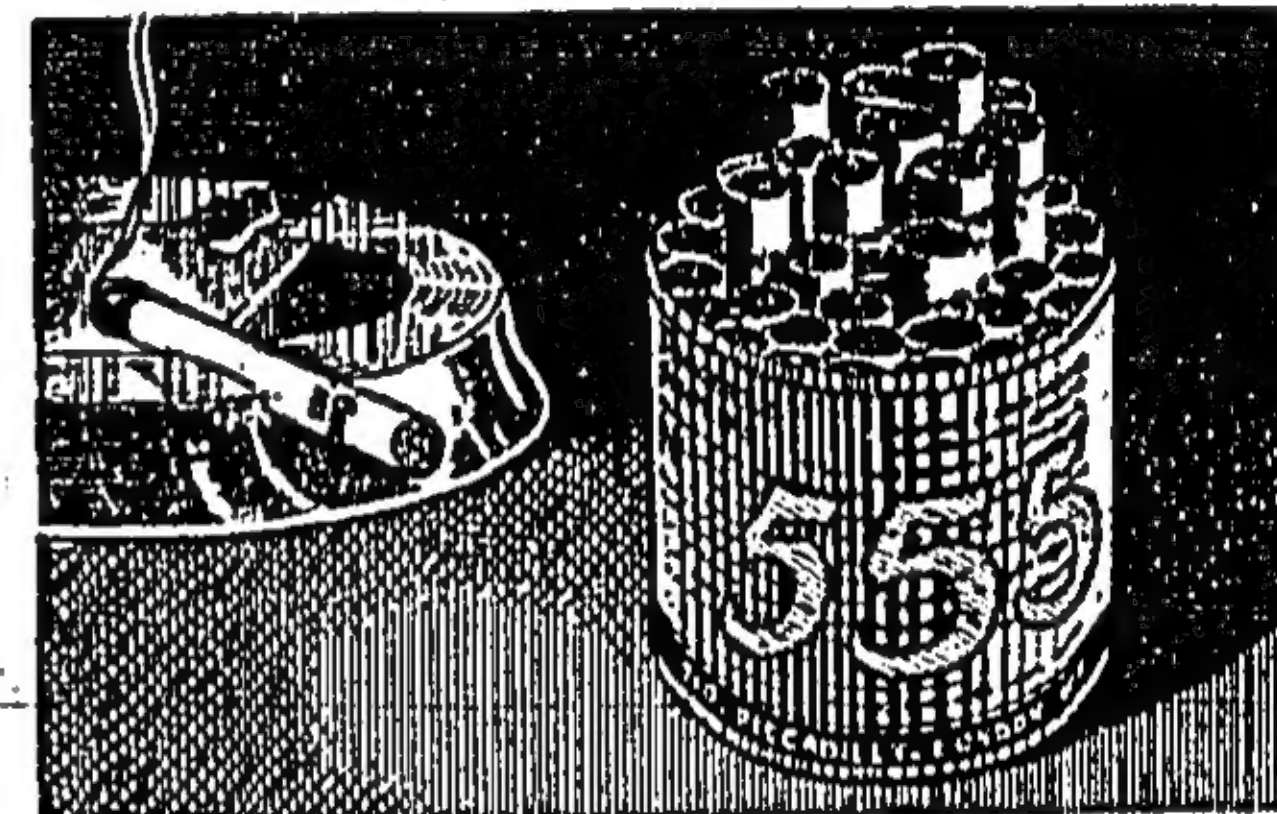
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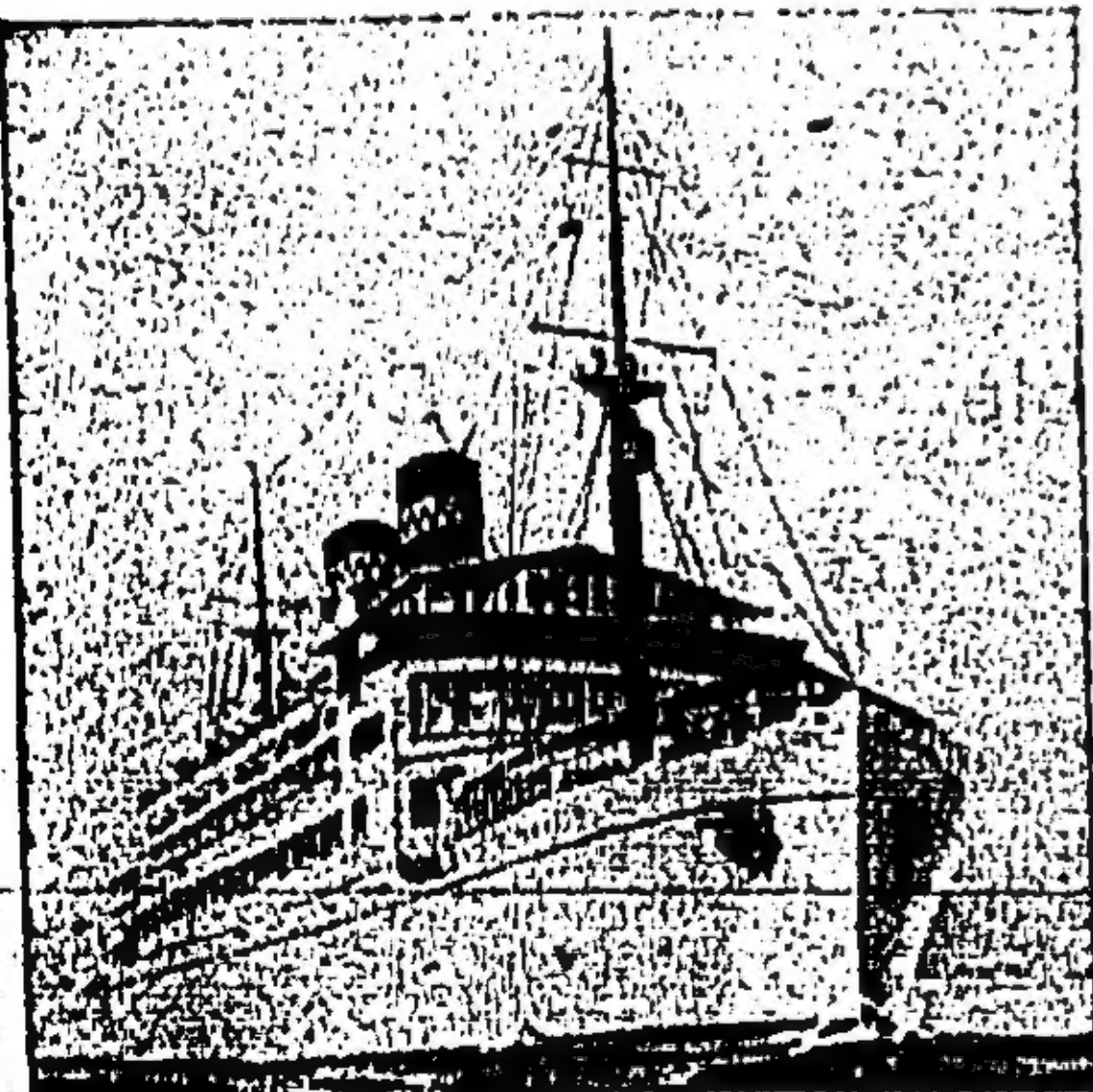
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IN 1914 THE WORLD FEARED THE MILITARISM OF KAISER WILHELM II

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WHEN Kaiser Wilhelm began his war in 1914, the German Army was the most powerful fighting instrument that any state had ever sent to battle.

Anyone who fought against that army and to-day looks back on its quality, in men and weapons, its knowledge and trained skill in action, is inclined to wonder how on earth did we prevent the "Jerries" from beating us?

Yet they did not beat us. In the end they were beaten, largely by the inexorable pressure of opponents they never saw, men in spray-hidden ships the width of the North Sea away, whose impregnable harbour was a thousand miles beyond range of the German army's guns.

WHEN Adolf began his war in 1939, his army was a formidable instrument; foolish to despise it. But its strength relative to its opponents does not over-shadow the world, as the strength of the German Army did in 1914.

It is an army with modern weapons and transport; therefore it has more fire-power and more mobility than any army could have twenty-five years ago.

But when the changes of this quarter-century are taken into account, Adolf's army looks third-rate, too hastily strung together, not up to the job.

The Germans in 1914, writes Captain Liddell Hart in his "History of the World War," alone realised what is to-day an axiom—that given a highly-trained cadre of leaders, a military machine can be rapidly manufactured from short-term levies, like molten metal poured into a mould. The German mould was a long-service body of officers and N.C.O.'s who in their standard of knowledge and skill had no equal on the Continent.

Nor, so easily, could its enormous and controversial contents be sent wandering, as well its many hundred humans one day may be, clashing their skeleton files and documentation.

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taking detailed work and by their "ordinary" army.

boldness and originality. The painstaking work was in the training of the troops.

In both armies, French and German, men served for two years or more, then went to the reserve.

Only a few of these reservists were needed to bring the "active divisions" up to strength at the beginning of a war—to fill gaps in units already formed, officered, equipped, ready for action.

Besides the "active divisions," both French and Germans had "reserve divisions," made up almost entirely of reservists.

The German training was good enough for these formations, made up of men who were civilians in July, to be fit for battle by the third week of August.

The German boldness was in using such men without further polishing-up. The French could not believe that this was possible.

It is an immense tribute to the quality and precision of the German instructors, and to the "seriousness" of the German army as a whole, that they were able to mobilise this mass of men trained years before the war, and put them into battle alongside

THE Germans scored a second surprise at the outbreak of war simply by the perfection of their railway organization.

It was known that they might sweep through Belgium. The French plans for meeting this sweep now look ridiculous, as indeed they were.

Failure of these plans led to the long retreat in which the French left wing (the British expeditionary force) had to fall back for 130 miles or more, from Mons to beyond the Marne.

But how could the French have realised that the Germans would be able to bring one and a half million men over their railways to the frontier?

And if they had thought that possible, how could they have realised that a million of these men, 54 divisions out of 83, would be concentrated in the armies sweeping through Belgium and Luxembourg?

Such a concentration seemed impossible, with ordinary methods of staff work and railway organization. But it was carried out.

WILL THE LIGHTS GO OUT?



THE 21,750,000 Geneva Palace of the Nations, property of over fifty of them, equal in service to Versailles, weightily grandiose, bridally white, is a conundrum for the Swiss.

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No more happened until crash came that last week of September. Scurry, hurry.

The Axis would quite certainly wreck the Palace of the Nations; might even try to occupy the Canton of Vaud because of it.

High time that Geneva were rid of the international brainbox that so exasperated them.

Yet there was no time to plan. It was decided that did war break, the League personnel was to remove at once to Fribourg, out of the way, back in the hills.

WHEN war did not come to Switzerland the Swiss had time to think anew and go further. If the Confederation were compelled thereafter to mobilise in protection of the national territory, the League personnel would have to move altogether from Switzerland, leaving a nucleus care-taking staff only. Such was the position until recently. It was then hinted that the Secretary-General might get busy before the bombardment, with plans for evacuation. If my information be correct, it was further conveyed that, war or no war, Switzerland would be obliged and relieved if the Secretary-General could arrange to function elsewhere for an interim period until Europe settled down once more.

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mary.
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Sandler.
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vice from St. John's Cathedral.
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Coldstream Guards.
12.30 Selections from Light Opera.
1.0 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
1.05 Studio—Another "Musical
Cocktail" by Erich Forges (Piano)
(from Jimmy's Kitchen).
1.25 Organ Interlude.
The Lost Chord (Sullivan), Clois-
ter-Shadows (Hope), Reginald Foort
at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.
1.45 Verdi's "Aida" Act II.
2.30 Close down.
7.0 Compositions of Cesar-Franck.
Redemption... The Lamoureux Or-
chestra, Paris, cond. by Albert
Wolf; Prelude, Choral and Fugue,
Alfred Cortot (Piano).
7.30 London Relay—The News.
8.0 Local Time Signal and Wea-
ther Report.
8.05 Marek Weber and His Or-
chestra.
"La Belle Helene"—Selection, You
Shall Be The King Of My Heart
(Sibelius).
8.15 London Relay—"Starred
Chamber."
A Play by Noel Coward.
8.45 Compositions of Schubert.
9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.
9.30 Studio—Talk by Mrs. R. H.
Scott on "Women's Work in England
in War Time."
9.45 Chanson—Poeme, Op. 25.
Jehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Or-
chestra Symphonique de Paris con-
ducted by Georges Enesco.
10.01 Short Choral Programme.
10.17 Studio—Sunday Evening
Epilogue.
10.37 Close down.

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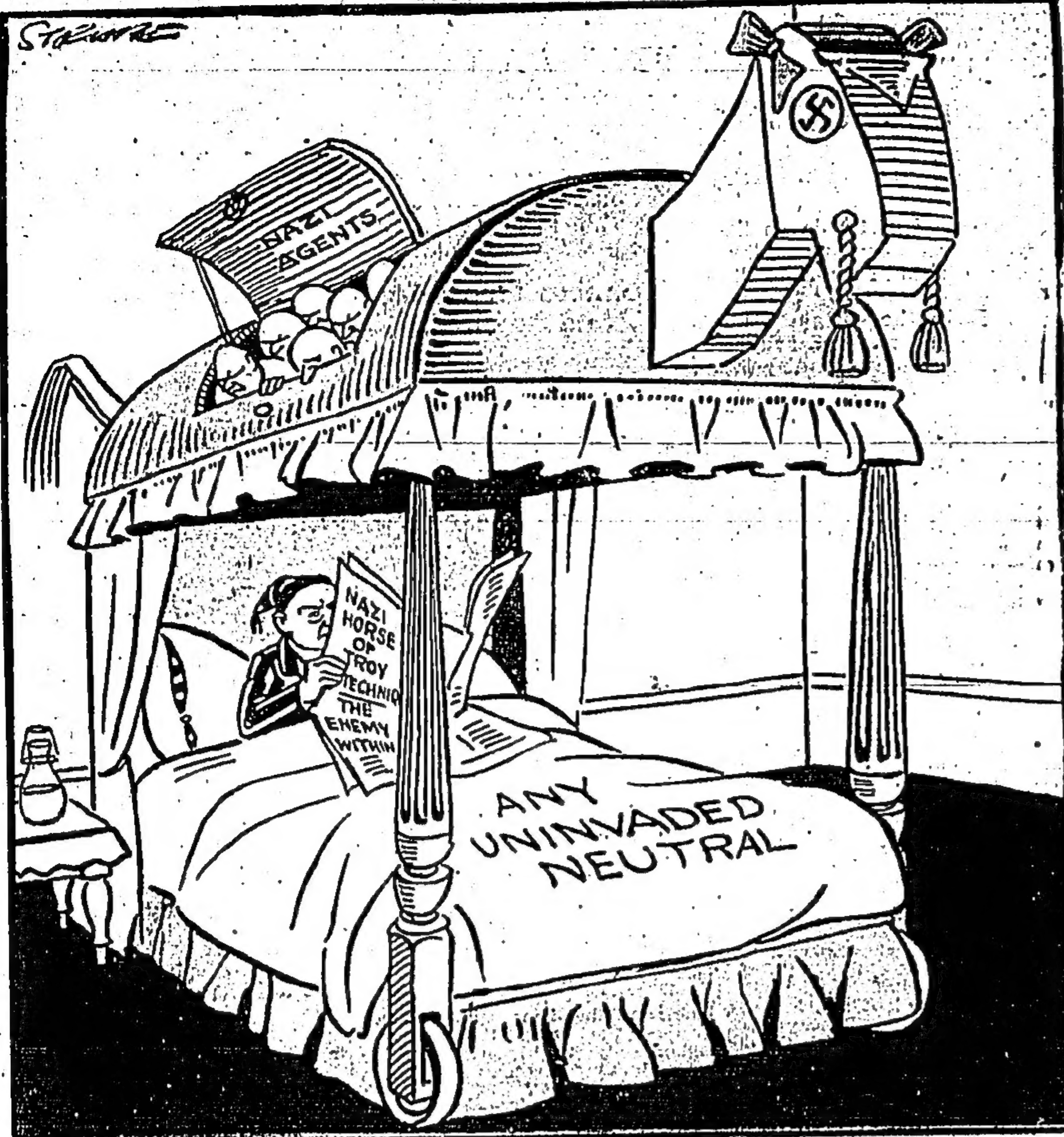
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BEHIND THE HEADLINES—by JOHN BLUNT

The "Fifth Column"

ALTHOUGH a shock at the time,
the surrender of the greater part
of Holland is quite understandable.
There is no doubt that Germany
calculated that the resistance of a
small army could be overcome by
a smashing campaign of ruthless
terrorism. The infiltration of the
"fifth column"—and the partial
success of the parachutists, together
with a merciless bombing from the
air—all served the brutal aims of
Germany. The small Allied Forces
available could not have con-
solidated themselves in so few days.
Indeed, it would have been more
than surprising had Germany not
met with some success when it is
remembered that her campaign had
been prepared months before.
Total warfare, as it is called, has
been evolved by the fiendish brains
behind the Nazi movement, and
there is good reason to believe that
every form of terrorism will be
practised by Germany. If some of
the weaker nations are temporarily
cut out from the map, they are not
entirely to blame. Britain and
France will take the blows, but will
ultimately give more than they take
to the eternal damnation of those
who started this massacre.

Fact Versus Fiction

AND so a change has been made
in the guiding influence of the Bri-
tish Ministry of Information. Duff
Cooper, who now holds the post,
may be expected to place the facts
of the Allied cause before the
world, even if with his customary
bluntness. He will also lose no
time in exposing the lying pro-
paganda of the Germans. It is
better to be convinced by facts, even
if occasionally unpleasant, rather
than be misled by fiction.

Germans in Hongkong

LAST week, I referred to the
absurdity of permitting Germans to
enjoy their freedom in the Colony.
True, there may not be so very
many, but every German must be
in the suspect. During my sojourn in the
Far East, I have met the Germans
who, in a gesture of pseudo-con-
fidence, have protested that their
sympathies have been with the Bri-
tish, and that they have been en-
tirely opposed to Hitlerism. It has
later come to my personal know-
ledge that some of those who lied
with crocodile tears in their eyes,
were at the very moment of speak-
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Those Rumours

ON Wednesday, rumours flooded
the Colony concerning the alleged
collapse of the Wall Street market.
Shares, stocks, commodities were
supposed to have fallen anything
up to twenty per cent. The King of
Italy had abdicated. Italy had de-
clared war, and so on. There
would appear to be grounds for the

grave suspicion that some unprin-
ciple people deliberately start
such rumours in order to gain pro-
fit. Such an offence should be dis-
couraged by the provision of heavy
penalties for such dishonesty.

Midnight Madness

TRAFFIC supervision by night
does not appear to be very effec-
tive in Hongkong. The other even-
ing, a private car was "heard" pro-
ceeding along Queen's Road from
east to west. The traffic light was
against it by the Shell Building,
but nevertheless, the impatient
horn-blowing continued. The occu-
pant appeared to be in a state of
conviviality ill-suited to the hand-
ling of a motor vehicle. The con-
stable in the traffic box acceded to
their rancorous demand by giving
them the green light, whereupon
the driver stepped on the gas, and
literally roared down Pedder
Street. I looked in the morning
paper for the report of a smash, but
apparently, luck was on the side of
madness that night.

Dialects And Brogues

AN after-dinner chat the other
night—as usual, much ado about
nothing—led up to the question of
national humour. It was asserted
from one quarter that British hu-
mour was hard to beat, whereupon
an American present asked for a
definition of "British" humour. It
is true there are many dialects and
brogues in the English language
sense. These days there are very

few new Irish jokes of the Pat,
Mike or Murphy variety, and it is a
long time since I heard an original
joke attributed to a Scot. Perhaps
brogues are falling by the wayside.
Reminds me of an occasion some
years ago when a little leg-pulling
cross banter occurred amongst a
party of English and Scottish people.
A count was taken of the respective
nationalities present. Each proud-
ly proclaimed his or her national
ancestry. When one of the men-
folk (an author of some repute)
claimed to be a Scot, my hostess
expressed her surprise. "But," she
protested, "I have read several of
your books and neither in your
speech nor writing do you seem to
be Scottish." "My dear lady," the
Scot replied, "I believe you were
born in Dorset, but nobody would
know it."

Mussolini's Quandary

The fate of Italy appears to hang
by a very slender thread, but every
hour that passes should relieve the
tension. Mussolini may be on the
brink of throwing in his lot with
Hitler, but the tremendous slaughter
in the opening phase of the Blitzkrieg
must have a sobering influence. It
chose lies between becoming a co-
partner of the most hated fiend in the
world, or extricating himself from an
entanglement which will lead to his
own undoing. The prospect which
faces him should be choose the
former alternative is indeed grim,
and I doubt, even at this momentous
 juncture, whether he will chance the
terrible consequences of war.

Girls' and Boys' Corner

Dear Kiddies,

Last week's colouring competition
was very well done. The prize-
winners this week are:—

Wong Kwok Lam (aged 12), 5,
Garden Road.
John Hardeen (aged 8½), 18,
Village Road.
Jane Gordon (aged 8), 518 c,
Nathan Road.

Coupons have been sent to Wong
Kwok Lam, John and Jane which
I want them to bring to the "Hong-
kong Telegraph" office in Wyndham
Street. The coupons will then be
exchanged for money prizes.

Specially commended for excellent
work are the following:
Seniors: Ghazi Khan, Ellen
Olson, George Wong, Mary Grace
Aiche, Andrew Kee, Willie Moit,
James Nelson, Kee On Tai,
Reinaldo Sales, Roy Holmes.
Intermediates: Ann Dobbs,
Dawood Bux, Shona McIntyre, S.S.
Bux, Anthony Cutcher, Horacio
Ozorio, Patricia Ozorio.
Juniors: Betty Malr, Muslim
Yusuf, Ghafoor Bux, Susan Wood,
Geoffrey Hudson.

This week, kiddies, I want you to
study the above picture closely and
trace the way this boy in the
toboggan at the top must go to join
his friends below without crossing a
black line.

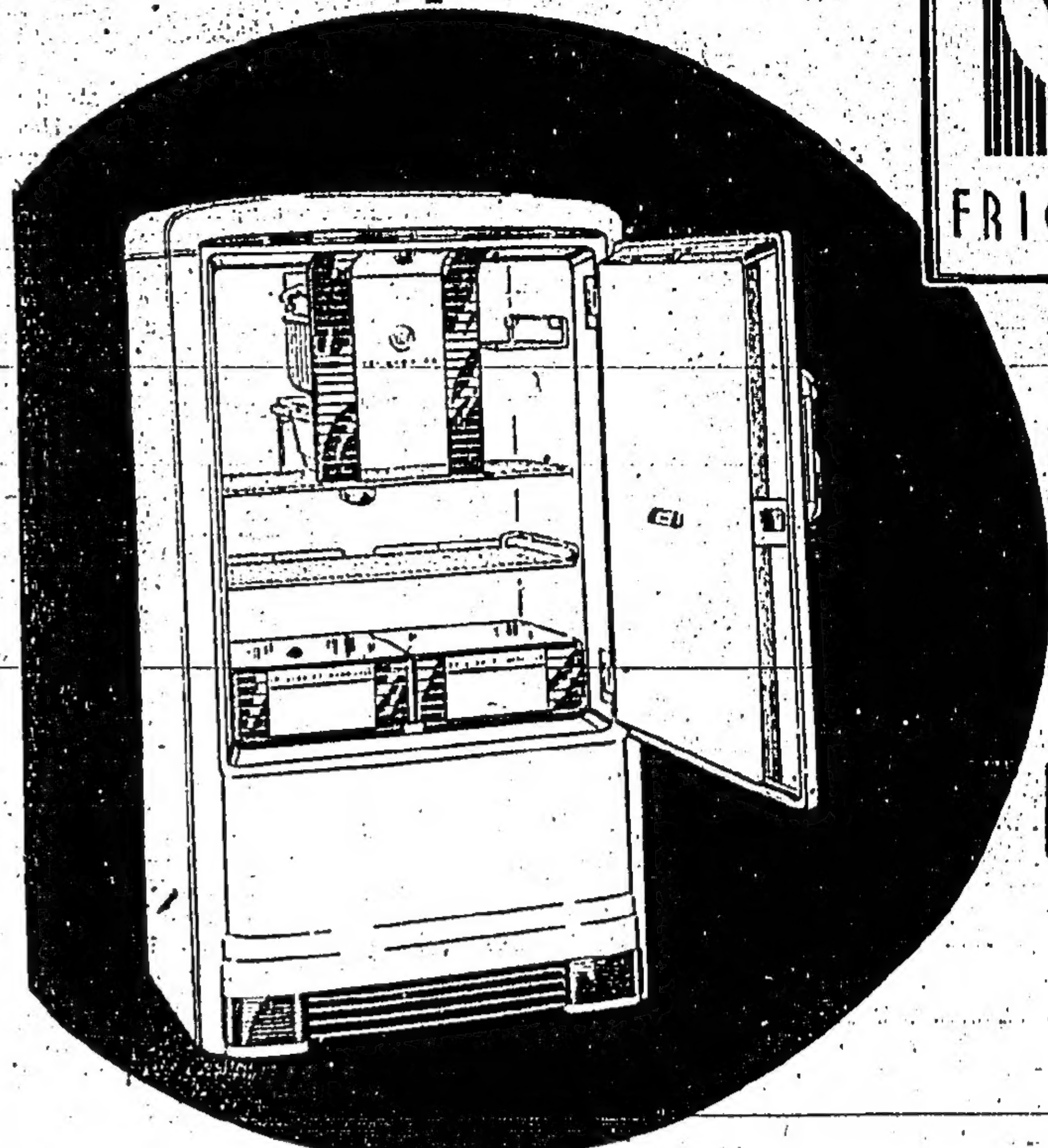
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coupon and send your entries to
Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Tele-



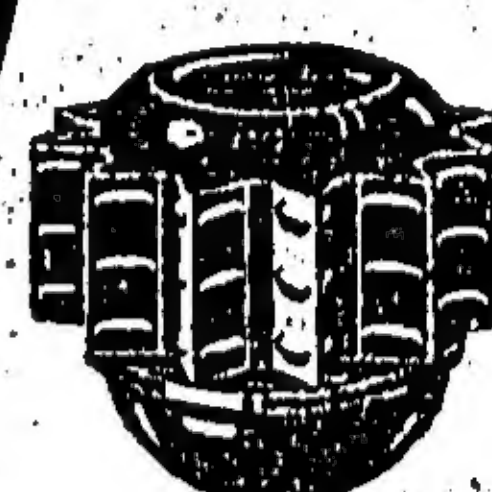
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CANADA WILL NOT WEAKEN

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Ottawa's Canadian Opposition Leader, Mr. Hanson at the opening of the House of Commons to-day offered his whole-hearted support and co-operation in view of the present situation overseas.

Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister, read to the House a brief communique regarding the situation, which he regarded as "serious" but it was not considered critical.

Channel Air Service Resumes

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Air France has resumed its air service between London and Paris.

Bookings for all services opened this afternoon. The service will commence to-morrow.

An Imperial Airways liner left England for Karachi this morning, according to schedule.

Arrangements have been made for the flying boat to refuel at Rome and Brindisi.

More Government Appointments

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—Further Government appointments were announced from No. 10 Downing Street to-night and include the War Office and Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State—Sir General Sir Henry Page-Croft and Sir Edward Grigg, Financial Secretary—Mr. Richard Law, Treasury Joint Parliamentary Secretaries—Capt. Morgeson and Sir Charles Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Economic Warfare—Mr. Dingle Foot, Under-Secretary for India and Burma—the Duke of Devonshire, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Admiralty—Sir Victor Warrender, Parliamentary Secretary of Penalties—Miss Ellen Willington, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Information—Mr. Harold Nicholson.

Allies Order 4,000 Planes

WASHINGTON, May 17 (Reuter).—The Anglo-French Purchasing Commission stated to-day that the Allies have ordered about 4,000 planes of all types in the United States at a cost of \$650,000,000.

Huge New Orders Given
The Allies intend to spend about \$600,000,000 more on the purchase of the latest types of machines recently made available.

About \$350,000,000 has been spent on non-aviation supplies such as machine tools, munitions, electric equipment, clothing, horses, mules, etc.

WATCH ON H.K. FUEL SUPPLY

An announcement in to-day's Government Gazette indicates that the Government intends to make itself fully informed of the Colony's fuel supplies and to keep its resources on regular record.

According to the Gazette, the Stores Controller, with the consent of the Governor, orders that every person who, to-day or subsequently, has possession, custody, or control of more than 10 tons of coal shall make a return accordingly to the Controller.

Henceforth weekly returns will be required of such persons or firms. This return must cover the week ending at noon on Saturday and be put in by noon of the following Wednesday, or, where that Wednesday is a public holiday, by noon on the first succeeding day which is not a holiday.

The returns must be in English and bear the signature of the person holding the coal or his agent, or, in the case of a Chinese firm, the chop of the firm. They may be delivered by post to the stores Controller at the Government Stores Department, No. 249 Electric Road, North Point.

CAIRO, May 17 (Reuter).—Voluntary recruiting of British residents in Egypt for a local defence force began this morning, and there has already been a considerable response.

ILLEGAL USE OF WIRELESS TRANSMITTERS

Operators Who Sent Out Chinese Exchange Quotations

"The relatively small wireless transmission traffic on the Tai O wavelength provided them with a call sign which they could use with reasonable prospects of not raising suspicion. By this method those receiving the messages sent out by the first and second defendants were able to avoid the delay which transmission through the normal cable routes involved and the further delay caused by wartime censorship of all outgoing cables, thus gaining an invaluable lead of 20 to 30 minutes on orthodox exchange brokers."

This was stated at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted in an illegal wireless case against Leung Tse-hong, 33, and Lung Chiu-kong, 29, wireless operators of the Water Police Station who were charged with offences under the Telecommunication Ordinance and Defence Regulations.

Another wireless operator, Cheung Sau-wai, 35, said to be from Macao, appeared with the other two and with them was accused of having on certain dates between February 25 and April 25 conspired together knowingly to send or transmit by telegraph instructions for utilizing means of secretly conveying, receiving or recording information.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr., appeared for Leung, Mr. G. S. Ford for Lung, and Mr. Alfred Y. Hon for Cheung. Defendants pleaded guilty to the charges against them.

Detective Inspector A. E. Carey was present for the Police.

Quotations By Code

In the course of his opening, Mr. Reynolds said that from April 11 to 23, numerous telephone messages were received by one or other of the first two defendants. These messages when decoded gave the latest quotation of the Chinese National currency on the Hongkong Exchange. These quotations were then sent out from the Water Police Wireless station by code messages consisting of signals used internationally by all commercial wireless stations for test working and consequently unlikely to convey anything more to an operator uninitiated into their true meaning.

That the sender was testing out the working of his wireless transmitter with some other station.

After mitigation submissions had been made by those representing them, sentence was passed on defendants.

Leung, who was on bail, was fined \$850 on the charges against him, and Lung, who was not on bail, was fined \$300 or three months' hard labour. He was remanded for four days to find money to pay the fine. Cheung, who also was on bail, was fined \$200.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The market opened rather from neglect this week having been completely over shadowed by the War news. It is not surprising that such small buying orders as have come along have been negotiated entirely on buyers terms, consequently prices on balance over the week are easier.

Business Done During the Week

H.K. Banks \$1,500; \$1,470, \$1,480, \$1,440, \$1,450
Union Insurances \$405
Wharves \$100
Providents \$4, \$4.05
Lands \$304
Humphreys \$8
Chinese Estates \$104½
Tramways \$17.35, \$17.40
Star Ferries \$83
China Lights (Old) \$7½
China Lights (New) \$4.70
Rents \$9.85
Govt. 4% Loan 103
Humphreys \$7.90
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 102

Sellers
Union Insurances \$405
Decks Rts. \$6½
Sales
H. K. Banks \$1,430/25
Bank of East Asia \$73
Union Insurances \$405/400
Lands \$304
Humphreys \$8
China Lights (Old) \$7.40/35
China Lights (New) \$4.70

LATE NEWS

BRUSSELS ENTERED

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ter of the Interior, declared in a broadcast to-day:

"Our Government had to leave Brussels yesterday but is still in Belgium. This was a very sad decision but it was forced upon us owing to the force of circumstances."

Thus the Minister announced to the nation the Government's removal from the capital to Ostend. Certain neutral legations and a number of Government departments left Brussels for Ostend early this week.

U.S. Envoy To Stay
The American Ambassador has announced his determination to remain in Brussels in order to fulfil the useful functions performed by the United States envoy in the last war.

The Italian Embassy staff is not being moved and the Spanish Embassy is maintaining a skeleton staff in the Belgian capital.

The atmosphere in Brussels to-day was one of extreme calmness despite the German threat to bomb the city from the air.

German Claim

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The German High Command states that following the collapse of the British and French positions south of Louvain German troops marched into Brussels late this afternoon.

Malines Falls, Claim
LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—After heavy fighting, German troops have broken through the dyke position north of Louvain and have captured Malines, says DNB.

Brussels Communique
BRUSSELS, May 17 (Reuter).—Tonight's Belgian war communique states: "Our troops methodically carried out movements foreseen by the plan of operation."

"During yesterday afternoon, a regiment of light infantry, which was participating in the defence of the canal, distinguished itself by repulsing with heavy losses German units which attempted to cross by the foot-bridge."

Nazi Successes Claim

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—The official German news agency states that German troops, advancing from the north, have pushed up to the fortress of Antwerp.

It also states that following a comprehensive attack, Louvain fell to-day.

Allied Withdrawals

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—A War Office communique issued to-day states that during the night of May 16-17, certain adjustments of the front having become necessary, the B.E.F. was withdrawn to positions west of Brussels.

This readjustment was carried out without interference.

There was no question of any collapse or break-through in this sector as suggested by a German communique.

BRITONS WARNED TO CLEAR OUT

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be proclaimed as "the day of Italians abroad."

Intolerable Hegemony

The weekly review "Critica Fascista," directed by Signor Bottai, Minister of Education, says that the British hegemony in the Mediterranean is intolerable.

"We must face the problem or lose our opportunity," the paper says. Count Ciano was scheduled to speak to-day on Foreign Affairs Estimates but the Estimates were passed without any speech.

THE KING AT THE WAR OFFICE

LONDON, May 17 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King this evening visited the War Office where he received the latest information with regard to the situation on the Western Front.

Later His Majesty held a Privy Council meeting in Buckingham Palace.

He approved the Order in Council dealing with the establishment of anti-parachute troop corps and later he received Mr. Winston Churchill.

MINEFIELD OFF SOUTH AFRICA

CAPTOWN, May 17 (Reuter).—No victims have been reported as a result of the minefield which has been discovered off the Cape of Agulhas, which is on the southernmost point of Africa.

The Defence Department is taking adequate steps to liquidate it.

The minefield is in the busiest shipping lane between Europe and the East, since British ships have been diverted from the Mediterranean.

PLANES STRAFE JUNKS

Japanese Employing Nazi Methods

Aeroplane attacks on unarmed Chinese fishing and trading junks in Chinese waters appear to be the latest methods employed by the Japanese in their efforts to stop Chinese trade. Stories of these outrages were brought back to Hongkong yesterday by survivors of one of the craft attacked.

Five of the crew of this vessel were admitted into the Queen Mary hospital suffering from wounds caused by bomb splinters.

The attacks occurred off Sam Mun on May 12. According to Kwok Hong-ling, a fook of junk No. T4067H, he was sailing with a number of other junks, when about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, five aeroplanes flying at a great height were sighted.

Planes Power-Dive
Apparently sighting the junks, the planes power-dived and the markings on their wings revealed them to be Japanese. Sweeping over the sailing vessels, the planes released a number of bombs, one of which scored a direct hit on a junk, blowing the vessel to pieces, but the majority fell wide of their marks.

One bomb exploded near Kwok's junk, and the flying splinters struck five of the crew. The remainder immediately sought shelter in the holds, leaving the junk to sail on unharmed.

Machine-Gunned
Directly after the planes returned and machine-gunned the vessels. Several of the craft were riddled with bullets, but nobody was injured on Kwok's junk in this attack.

Apparently satisfied with their work, the warplanes flew off, leaving a trail of wreckage behind.

No survivors of the junk hit by a bomb were seen, and it is believed all the crew perished either through wounds or by drowning.

The following of Kwok's crew were admitted to hospital: Kwok Ying-chuen, master of the junk, Lau Mui, married woman, Lo Kiu, 25, woman, Chan Kiu, 20 and Ng Kong 30.

HITLER'S GAMBLE

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River in France and thus turn the main fortresses of the Maginot Line. Hitler is making the biggest gamble for victory any leader in history has made.

He is gambling that the great concentrations of Allied troops which are now entrenched near Namur and Sedan will not be able to pinch off his mobile mechanized units.

The Allied traps are his most serious danger—the question now is, can they be sprung?

Huge Concentrations
Between Namur and Sedan the Germans are pouring an increasing number of infantry, artillery and tanks across the River Meuse at Sedan, testing again to the swiftness with which the Germans are acting after initial success.

The Germans lost not a minute in taking advantage of the situation created after their motorized and tank divisions broke through in the face of withering French artillery fire and constant Allied air attacks on the bridges across the Meuse.

But, although they were able to effect new crossings, the losses to the Germans in men, tanks and guns have been appalling.

Sheer Massacre
The targets presented by the long columns lumbering across the stone and pontoon bridges have been so easy that the Allies have been able to massacre them.

The supply problem would not appear to be the most difficult the Germans have to face.

There is also the question of feeding the troops.

Foodless For 48 Hours
German prisoners have told their captors that they have been on the march for seven days and have received no food for 48 hours.

No German oil depots have yet been established south of the River Meuse and it may become necessary for the Germans to hold back their mechanized units until that vital element has been re-organized.

Yesterday's "breaching spell" has given the Allies time to rush up artillery, tanks, anti-tank guns and more infantry and the fighting will now grow in intensity.

There has undoubtedly been a noticeable increase in Allied resistance since yesterday.

AMERICAN CLUB DINNER-DANCE

Members of the American Club and their friends spent a gay and enjoyable time last night in the festively decorated club rooms, when the customary Spring dinner-dance was held.

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